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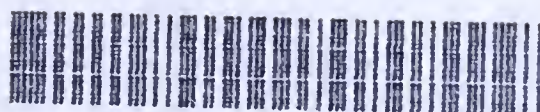
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MAIN CORRIDOR. MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

... PROCEEDINGS ...

—OF THE—

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND

Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA

—AND—

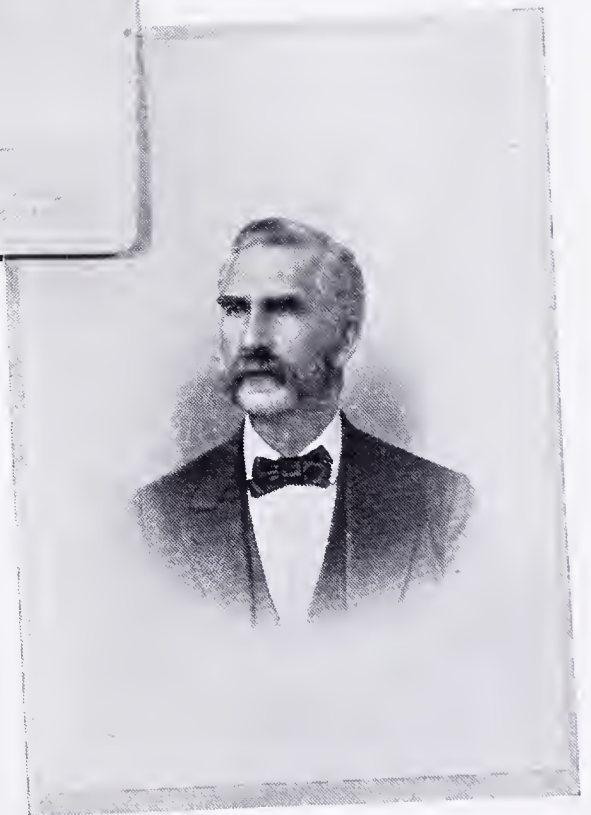
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1894,
BEING ITS NINETY-NINTH YEAR.

PHILADELPHIA :

PRINTED FOR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA
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—1895—



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Richard M. Johnson
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M. E. Grand High Priest

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M. E. Grand Treasurer

GRAND
Holy Royal Arch Chapter
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1795—1894.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 3, 1894.

PRESENT :

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
“ EZRA S. BARTLETT, *M. E. Grand King.*
“ RICHARD M. JOHNSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
“ CHARLES CARY, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests —Comps. RICHARD M. JOHNSON,
JOHN B. SPRENKEL, STEPHEN H. APPLETON, THADDEUS S. ADLE,
MICHAEL W. REINOEHL, CHARLES F. DERR, JAMES H. CODDING,
CALEB C. THOMPSON, WILLIAM K. JONES, DANIEL B. ELSE, FREDERICK
L. BROWN, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, JOHN M. VAN VLIET.

And the other Grand Officers in their respective places.

Past Grand High Priests.—M. E. Comps. HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE
W. KENDRICK, JR., JAMES S. BARBER.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 159, 169, 173, 175, 180, 181, 183, 185,
190, 194, 196, 197, 198, 201, 202, 208, 215, 218, 220, 221, 222, 224, 232, 233,

234, 235, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 262, 267, 271. (47)

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at seven o'clock P. M:

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on December 7, 1893, and of the Annual Communication held December 27, 1893, were read and approved.

General returns were received from a number of Chapters, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

By-Laws were received from Chapter No. 209, and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos, 91, 175 and 236, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada, announcing the death of Past Grand High Priest GEORGE R. WALKER, of said Grand Chapter.

Missives were received from the Grand High Priests of the following Grand Chapters, severally appointing the Companions named as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania :—

Grand Chapter of Illinois,	Comp.	GEORGE B. WELLS.
Grand Chapter of Indiana,	"	ANTHONY E. STOCKER, M.D.
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, .	"	MARTIN L. SHAFFNER.
Grand Chapter of New York,	"	CHARLES CARY.
Grand Chapter of South Carolina, .	"	THOMAS MILLSPAUGH.

On motion, the said Companions were received and acknowledged as such Representatives.

The Committee on Finance presented the following
Report :

PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1894.

To the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that from St. John's Day, 1893, the Grand Secretary has received for dues, etc., \$2,946.70, which has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipts taken therefor.

By resolution of the Committee on Finance, in future it will make examinations of the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary before each Quarterly Communication.

The Committee would further report :—

That, some time after the assumption of the office of Grand Secretary by the present incumbent, irregularities were discovered in the accounts of the former Grand Secretary. The M. E. Grand High Priest, the Officers and the Committee on Finance, acting together, took steps to ascertain exactly what the deficiency amounted to. After several Committee meetings there has been found, to this time, a shortage of \$5,424.19, which has been appropriated by Charles E. Meyer for his individual use and purpose.

In order that no inconvenience should be experienced by the Chapters affected by these irregularities, we wrote to each Secretary in the jurisdiction for a presentation of his vouchers, which, when found to be correct, and that Companion Meyer had kept the money, we notified them that their accounts were settled, and immediately closed the same.

The examination of the books has not yet been completed, but, so far as ascertained, the amount of deficit reaches \$5,424.19.

We therefore offer the following :—

Whereas, Companion Charles E. Meyer, while acting as Grand Secretary of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, has been found to have appropriated the sum of at least \$5,424.19 of the money of this Grand Body ; therefore

Resolved, that Companion Charles E. Meyer be, and he is hereby expelled from membership in this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,

Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the resolution adopted :—

PHILADELPHIA, March 8th, 1894.

To the Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS :—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report That they have examined the several Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following for your consideration, to wit :

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 91, 175 and 236 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR A. TENNIS, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
For the Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing reported that the “Proceedings for 1893” were in print, and would shortly be distributed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death of Companion Luther F. Smith, Grand Chaplain, and of Companion J. Alexander Simpson, Chairman of Committee on By-Laws.

Companion William J. Kelly followed with eulogistic remarks on the life and character of Companion J. Alexander Simpson.

The Grand Chapter was then “called off” for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason’s Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then opened and the degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Companion Henry J. McCarthy as Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, in place of Companion J. Alexander Simpson, deceased.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at nine o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY.

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 7, 1894.

PRESENT :

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 “ EZRA S. BARTLETT, *M. E. Grand King.*
 “ RICHARD M. JOHNSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ CHARLES CARY, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—Comps. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, JOHN B. SPRENKEL, STEPHEN H. APPLETON, MICHAEL W. JACOBS, THADDEUS S. ADLE, MICHAEL W. REINOEHL, CHARLES F. DERR, GEORGE P. LINDSAY, DANIEL B. ELSE, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, ALURED P. BURTON.

And the other Grand Officers in their respective places.

Past Grand High Priests.—M. E. Comps. GEORGE E. WAGNER, HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, JAMES S. BARBER.

Grand Representatives.—Comp. WILLIAM J. KELLY, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

Comp. SAMUEL W. LATTA, of Grand Chapter of Colorado.

Comp. JAMES S. BARBER, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and North Carolina.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.

Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Comp. ALEXANDER McCUNE, of Grand Chapter of Maine.

Comp. MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Comp. N. FERREE LIGHTNER, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Comp. JOSEPH EICHBAUM, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Comp. CHARLES CARY, of Grand Chapter of New York.

Comp. MICHAEL W. JACOBS, of Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

Comp. ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Comp. HARRY M. VANZANDT, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Comp. WILLIAM A. SINN, of Grand Chapter of Texas

Comp. LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Comp. CONRAD B. DAY, of Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Comp. JOHN KELLER, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Comp. JOHN C. WALLACE, of Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 170, 173, 174, 175, 180, 183, 190, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 208, 214, 215, 216, 219, 220, 222, 223, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 239, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 262, 267, 271, 274. (47 Ch.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on March 8th, 1894, were read and approved.

By-Laws were received from Chapters Nos. 259, 274, and 278, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A petition was received from Chapter No. 152, asking permission to receive and act upon a new petition from Brother G. K., rejected in said Chapter.

On motion, permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report :

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 1894.

To the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report they have examined

the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer from March 8 to June 7, 1894, both inclusive, and find them correct.

Balance on hand March 8, 1894 \$1,514 66

Received since that date

From Chapters, for Dues,	\$1,504.10
Interest,	400.00
Attest,	1.50
Constitutions,	4.00
Dispensations,	2.00
Certificate,	2.00
	<hr/> 1,913 60
	<hr/> \$3,458.26

Payments have been as follows:—

Salary,	\$ 37.50
Office Expenses,	44.04
Expenses of Grand High Priest,	455.70
Printing and Stationery, inc. Proceedings . . .	643.62
Masonic Clothing,	20 00
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests,	25.00
Tuning Organ,	40 00
	<hr/> 1,265.86
Balance on hand,	<hr/> \$2,192.40

Since our last report we find further deficiencies in the accounts of Charles E. Meyer, amounting to \$770.20, and making a total appropriation of the funds of this Grand Chapter to his own private use, to this date, of \$1,195.39; all of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS.

Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom had been referred certain communications from the "Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales" asking for the "fraternal recognition" of that Body by this Grand Chapter, presented the following report."

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of recognizing the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales respectfully reports:

It appears that in the Colony of New South Wales there were Chapters working under warrants granted by the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland and Scotland. That the English Chapters worked but one degree in their system, viz., the Royal Arch ; while the Scotch and Irish worked three, viz , the Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch. That they were not able to agree upon a basis of union, and that, when the Supreme Grand Chapter was formed by the English and Irish Chapters, The Scotch Chapters refused to recognize it, the subject of discord being the Mark Degree.

Your Committee do not propose to enter upon the merits of the case. The point which presents itself forcibly to our minds is, that there is not that unanimity which alone can make a sovereign body, and without which it cannot be sovereign.

Companion Richard Vaux, in his last report to the Grand Lodge, used the following language in a similar case. (Pro. G. L. 1893, p. clxxi.) "When the allegiance of a portion of the Craft in the territory is not given to the Grand Body, it is a question if such Body can be a supreme, sovereign, Masonic authority. If it is not, then its title is imperfect."

We beg leave to offer the following, and ask its adoption :—

Resolved, That, until the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South of Wales obtains the allegiance of all the Chapters in its territory, and is "Supreme" in fact as well as in name in said territory, it cannot receive the recognition of this Grand Chapter.

MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON,

J. SIMPSON AFRICA,

JOSHUA L. LYTE,

JOHN P. CLARK,

Committee on Correspondence.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report :

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 1894.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

COMPANIONS :—Your Committee on By-Laws, having examined the proposed By-Laws referred to them, respectfully offer the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 274 be referred.

back to said Chapter for completion and amendment, to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Chapter.

Resolved, that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 209 be amended as follows:—

Art. I.—To Read, “The name, style and title of this Chapter shall be Samuel C Perkins Royal Arch Chapter, No. 209 ”

Art. II. Sec. 1.—Strike out all after “7 o'clock, P. M.”

Art. III. Sec. 1.—Add the words “Provided :—that said election shall not be held before 8 o'clock, P. M.”

Art. III. Sec. 2 —Add “Past Grand High Priests, or the District Deputy Grand High Priest.”

Art. V. Sec. 2.—Strike out “summons over the seal of the Chapter attested by his signature” and insert “notice.” Also strike out “expelled” and insert “suspended ;” and strike out “summons” and insert “notice.”

Art. V. Sec. 3.—Insert, in third line, “Royal Arch” before “Chapter,” and, in fourth line, strike out “Royal Arch Masons.”

And, as so amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 259 be amended as follows:—

Art. III. Sec. 1.—Strike out sentence in brackets:—“(This section to be in force only when such a fund may have accumulated.)”

Art. IV. Sec. 2.—Strike out “summons over the seal of the Chapter attested by his signature” and insert “notice,” and, in twenty-ninth line, strike out “summons” and insert “notice.”

And, as so amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed By Laws of Chapter No. 278 be amended as follows:—

Art. I.—Insert “Royal Arch” after “Catasauqua.”

Art. IV. Sec. 2.—Strike out “summons over the seal of the Chapter attested by his signature” and insert “notice.” Strike out “summons” and insert “notice.”

Art. IV. Sec. 3.—Insert “Royal Arch” after “Catasauqua,” and strike out “R. A. M.” after “278.”

And, as so amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee.

CHARLES P. KEECH

On motion the report was received, and the Resolutions were adopted.

General Returns were received from a number of Chapters, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in feeling terms, announced the death of Companion Luther M. Fine, District Deputy Grand High Priest of District No 10.

A communication was read from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, announcing the death of Companion GEORGE LAMPMAN, Grand Captain of the Host. Ordered to be received and filled.

Missive was received from the Grand Zerubbabel of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, appointing Comp. John McKain as Representative of said Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

On motion, Comp. McKain was acknowledged as such Representative.

The following communication was received from M. E. Comp. William James Hughan, Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Mark Lodge of England:

“DEAR GRAND SECRETARY:—As the Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Penna. at the Mark Grand Lodge of England, I have been in the habit of reporting matters to my Grand Chapter that seem worthy of special note. I do so now as to the Mark degree in particular.

Until the last few weeks the earliest known reference to the esoteric Mark *Degree* was of the year 1773, viz. on the records of the Craft Lodge No. 124, at Durham, England.

Bro. Alexander Howell, of Portsmouth, who is now completing the publication of his History of the ‘Phoenix Lodge,’ of that Town, has just come across a cypher in one of the Minute Books of the ‘Chapter of Friendship’ No. 257, which has supplied him with the ‘key’ to the earliest volume of its Records in 1769, all of which is in cypher, and never traced until now.

The cypher is peculiar, and, so far as I know, only met with in this ms., and not being of a regular kind, (that is, not *running* as usual) was not made out previously.

It is most extraordinary for a whole volume of records to be in cypher, *but this is*, and begins in the year when the Chapter was formed, viz, 1769, and ends in 1786. When I wrote the History of the Chapter in 1890, the earliest records then traced were of the year 1787.

The first entry is as follows :

'At a Royal Arch Chapter held at the George Tavern in Portsmouth on First Sept'r Seventeen hundred and sixty nine: Present; Thomas Dunkerley Esq., William Cook, 'Z,' Samuel Palmer, 'H,' Thomas Scanville, 'J,' Henry Dean, Philip Joye and Thomas Webb. The 'Pro. G M.' Thomas Dunkerley bro't the Warrant of the Chapter, and having lately rec'd the 'Mark' he made the bre'n. 'Mark *Masons*' and 'Mark *Masters*,' and each chuse their Mark. (&c.) He also told us of this mann'r of writing, which is to be used in the degree. w'ch we may give to others. so they be F. C. for Mark *Masons*, and Master M. for Mark *Masters*.'

Like all the early Records respecting the Mark Degree, this proves there were two ceremonies; the 'Mark *Man*' or Mason, for Fellow Crafts, and the 'Mark *Master*' for Master Masons; and as it is also the first and only time that Dunkerley's name is found in connection with the Mark, the minute is of great value and importance.

I still hope for earlier notices of the degree, especially as in print and ms. we can now trace the Royal Arch back to the fifth decade of the last century.

Of course the antiquity of the Mark as an *operative* custom is virtually prehistoric. Marks were chosen by *speculative* as well as *operative* members of Lodges back to the year 1600 by evidence, and doubtless much earlier.

We students will continue our researches, in the hope and belief that more discoveries await the light.

The last proceedings of Grand Chapter are most interesting, and the account of the difficulty between England and Quebec (*Masonically*) is most exactly stated. I wish much that the Lodges would join the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and thus settle the matter, but we cannot compel them to do so.

With compliments to the M. E. Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter, believe me,

Yours Fraternally,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

DUNSCORE, TORQUAY, England, 9th April 1894."

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to

appoint Comp. Daniel Z. Walker, of Chapter No. 203, as District Deputy Grand High Priest for District No. 10, in place of Comp. Luther M. Fine, deceased; and Comp. Charles Cary, of Chapter No. 183, as a member of the Committee on Correspondence, in place of Comp. Charles E. Meyer, expelled.

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the work exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was then closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

Grand Chapter was closed in peace at nine o'clock P. M.

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 6, 1894.

PRESENT :

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " EZRA S. BARTLETT, *M. E. Grand King.*
 " RICHARD M. JOHNSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " GEORGE E. WAGNER, as *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " CHARLES CARY, *M. E. Grand Secretary*

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—Comps. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, JOHN MCKAIN JOHN B. SPRENKEL, STEPHEN H. APPLETON, THADDEUS S. ADLE, MICHAEL W. REINOEHL, DANIEL Z. WALKER, DANIEL B. ELSE, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER.

And the other Grand Officers in their respective places.

Past Grand High Priests.—M. E. Comps. GEORGE E. WAGNER, HIBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., MATTHIAS S. HENDERSON, JAMES S. BARBER.

Grand Representatives —Comp. WILLIAM J. KELLY, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

Comp. SAMUEL W. LATTA, of Grand Chapter of Colorado.

Comp. JAMES S. BARBER, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and North Carolina.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.

Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.

Comp. SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Comp. ALEXANDER McCUNE, of Grand Chapter of Maine.

Comp. MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Comp. N. FERREE LIGHTNER, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Comp. JOSEPH EICHBAUM, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Comp. CHARLES CARY, of Grand Chapter of New York.

Comp. JOHN MCKAIN, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Comp. ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Comp. WILLIAM A. SINN, of Grand Chapter of Texas.

Comp. LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 173, 175, 181, 183, 185, 190, 193, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 204, 208, 216, 222, 228, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 262. (41 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on June 7th, 1894, were read and approved.

By-Laws were received from Chapter No. 274, and Amendment to By-Laws from Chapter No. 161, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report :

PHILADELPHIA, September 6, 1894.

To the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the vouchers and accounts of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the M. E. Grand Secretary from June 8th to September 6, 1894, both inclusive, and find them correct, showing

June 8, 1894—Balance on hand, \$2,192.40

RECEIPTS :

From Chapters,	\$252.85	
From Certificates,	6.00	
From Constitutions,	2.00	
From Interest on Masonic Loan,	\$400.00	
From Interest on Deposits,	20.60	
	<hr/> 420.60	
	<hr/> 681.45	
	<hr/> \$2,873.85	

Amount brought forward, \$2,873.85

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries,	\$427.50	
Office Expenses,	23.25	
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,	225.00	
		<u>675.75</u>
Balance on hand,	\$2,198.10	

Since our last report we have found further deficiencies in the accounts of Charles E. Meyer, amounting to \$216.15, making a total misappropriation by him to this date of \$6,411.54.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS,
Committee on Finance.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the resolutions adopted:

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and submit the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 274 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Amendment to By-Laws of Chapter No. 161 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES P. KEECH,
For the Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, September 6th, 1894.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA September 6th, 1894.

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the follow-

ing Annual Report of the Chapters and Mark Lodges, and the membership of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1893.

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1892, as per last report,	14,772
Add errors and corrections,	131
	<u>14,903</u>
Admitted during the year 1893,	108
Restored,	9
Marked etc.,	1,063
	<u>1,180</u>
Total,	16,083

DEDUCT.

Died during 1893,	257
Resigned, or membership ceased,	99
Suspended or expelled,	248
	<u>604</u>
Membership, December 27, 1893, as per returns,	15,479
Apparent Gain,	707
Actual Gain,	576
During 1893 there were rejected	61

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1892,	1,149
Admitted during the year 1893,	1
	<u>1,150</u>

DEDUCT.

Died during the year 1893,	39
Resigned,	2
Suspended,	4
	<u>45</u>
Membership, December 27, 1893,	1,105
Number of Chapters, December 27, 1893,	119
Number of Mark Lodges, December 27, 1893,	3

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

No.	Name.	In.	Adm.	D.	Res.	Susp.	Memr
3	Jerusalem,	33	I	14	I	4	373
21	Perseverance,	4	I	2		2	173
43		6		7	7		269
52	Harmony,	74	3	18	2	9	841
91	Columbia,	29	3	17	I	5	406
150	Washington,	3					83
152	Reading,	6	I	10			186
159	Schuylkill,					I	26
161	Union,	8		I		I	131
162	Zerubbabel,	29	2	6	3	11	588
163	LaFayette,	6	I	2		7	101
164	Brownsville,	3					63
165	Union,	10	I	I			65
166	Mount Moriah,	I		I		I	67
167	Eureka,	10		I			61
169	Philadelphia,	I	I	3			169
170	Delta,	5	3	I		3	101
171	St John's,	3	I	I	I		66
172	Temple,	3		I	I	5	52
173	Easton,	10	I	2	I	2	165
174	Northumberland,	3	I	2		3	43
175	Keystone,	55		7	I	4	346
176	Geo. Washington,	4			I	2	56
177	Tamaqua,	I			2		39
178	Catawissa,	I	2	2			22
179	Eureka,	12	I	I			89
180	Warren,	I		2			34
181	Lilly,	2		2	I	I	115
182	Shekinah,	4		3	I	I	124
183	Oriental,	79	2	14	3	3	1104
185	Lackawanna,	22	3	I	I		157
186	Lewistown,	I		2			66
187	Oriental,			I	I		35
189	Mountain,	6		I	I	3	178
190	Norristown,	5	2	4		2	205
191	Solomon,		I	2			61
192	Urania,	7	3	6		I	161
193	Duquesne,	22	I	4	2	11	370
194	Tioga,	4		I		2	34
195	Portage,	3	I	2	2	I	90
196	Mountain City,	5		I	I		115

No.	Name.	In.	Adm.	D.	Res.	Susp.	Mem.
197	Weidle,	2		2	I	I	80
198	Phoenix,	5		4	I	3	126
199	Howell,	18	I	I		4	123
200	Columbus,	4	I		2		77
201	Standing Stone,	4					85
202	Howell,	3		I	I		48
203	Allen,	6		3	12	3	155
204	Anthony Wayne,					I	21
205	Factoryville,	2	2	I			27
206	Harmony,	2	I				50
207	Aaron,	4	2				36
208	Germantown,	7		2			144
209	Samuel C. Perkins,	6	I	2	I		62
210	Great Bend,	2	5	I	6	I	37
211	Venango,	5		I	I		89
212	Mound,	5	I	I	I		125
214	Valley,	2				4	54
215	Temple,	10	6	3	8	9	235
216	Zinzendorf,	5			I	I	88
217	Allegheny,	29	3	5		19	336
218	Bloomsburg,	9			I		56
219	Griscom,	4				I	61
220	Fort Washington,	3					35
221	Tremont,			I	I		61
222	Lycoming,	7	2	I		3	149
223	Oxford,	3	I		I	I	56
224	Corinthian,	2		2		I	71
225	Jefferson,	4				2	73
226	Siloam,	5		4			123
227	Emporium.			I			42
228	Clearfield,	5	I			I	93
229	Newtown,	I		I			28
230	Elk,	10	I	I			76
232	St. John,	12		2		10	238
233	Kensington,	26		10	I	11	441
234	Media,	2					54
235	Occidental,	7		I		7	116
236	Oil City,	3			2		69
237	Excelsior,	33		I		4	288
238	Newport,	3	2				48
239	Danville,	2		I	I		51
240	Palestine,	13	I	8	2	12	357
241	Bellefonte,	4	I		2	I	73

No.	Name.	In.	Adm.	D.	Res.	Susp.	Mem.
242	Pittston,	4	I	I		I	55
243	T. B. Freeman,	49		9	2	9	515
244	Norman,	6		I			102
245	Abington,	3	I	I		2	30
246	Warrior Run,	I			I	6	34
247	Orient,	2		I	I	I	72
248	Temple,	8	I	4	2	2	175
249	Monongahela,			I			45
250	Corinthian,	22		2	I	2	235
251	Signet,	6		2	I		149
252	Mizpah,	3		I			61
254	Arnold,	5			I		24
255	Bedford,	2		I		4	58
256	Fernwood,	8			I	9	103
257	Shiloh,	33		2		4	280
258	Chester,	10		3	I		172
259	Eden,	2					61
260	Bradford,	5	2	4	4	14	208
261	Troy,	2		4	I		77
262	Montgomery,	9		I		I	104
263	Coudersport,	12	2			4	72
264	Shamokin,	7					49
265	Westfield,	3					32
266	Good Samaritan,						28
267	Coatesville,	3	2		I	4	57
268	Pittsburgh,	10	4		I		140
269	Ulysses,	2					29
270	Doylestown,	10	2	I			61
271	Pottstown,	14		3			109
272	Hebron,						22
273	Butler,	7		8	I		59
274	Bangor,	19					59
275	Kennett,	5	I				35
276	The Susquehanna,	16	4				36
277	Hazleton,	15	29 (Charter)				44

A communication was read from the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, announcing the death of Past Grand High Priest Companion MORRIS M. KATZ, of said Grand Chapter.

A similar communication was read from the Grand

Chapter of Texas, announcing the death of Companion PHILIP CROSBY TUCKER, Past Grand High Priest of said Grand Chapter.

Missives were received from the Grand High Priests of the following Grand Chapters appointing the Companions named as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:—

Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Comp.

Samuel W. Latta, M. D.

Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, . . . Comp.

L. Hassell Lapp.

On motion the said Companions were received and acknowledged as such Representatives.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest Companion JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, on June 16, 1894.

Comp. Past Grand High Priest George W. Kendrick, Jr., then offered the following which was unanimously adopted:—

“In Memoriam Jeremiah Lalor Hutchinson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania”

“Men are such stuff

As dreams are made of, and our little life

Is rounded with a sleep.”

“So wrote the greatest English poet, and when one of the sleepers is awakened to enjoy that life which is eternal, it is but fitting that we, his one-time fellow dreamers, should meet to draw from the beauty of his life, the lesson that will inculcate an added sweetness to our dreams, rendering them less troublesome, more pure and bright.

“When we hear the inevitable tidings that one more Brother and Companion has passed to ‘that undiscovered country from whose bourne

no traveler returns,' the first feeling is one of sadness—a pang of personal loss. We start unconsciously when, gathered in our accustomed places, we look for familiar faces; we wait patiently for a little while in the faint hope that those always punctual may for this night, at least, be detained for a short time.

“Companions, many times have I entered this hall happy and cheerful, eager for the old faces, the hearty handshakes, the words of welcome, and then have seen a vacant place and missed a familiar face. The sad realization comes, no matter how well we may have been prepared, like a sudden shock. Here it is that we have met together for many happy hours; here it is that our lives have been slowly welded together in one beautiful mould: here it is that we must recognize our loss if any Companion leaves us; here it is that the bonds of union are strengthened, our love for one another sanctified by that deeper love for those that are gone.

“And another place is vacant, another spirit fled. No more shall we receive a happy greeting, a cheery word, from Comp. Jeremiah Lalor Hutchinson, in whose countenance were mirrored high thoughts and honest aspirations, noble impulses struggling under mundane conditions. His was not the nature to see the shadows made by the candle, but rather its bright rays reflecting its sweetness and expending itself in brightening the way for others.

‘Jeremiah Lalor Hutchinson was born on the 28th day of June, 1826, at Lower Darby (now Burmont), Delaware county, Pa. At the age of seventeen years he came to Philadelphia and entered the wholesale dry-goods store of Hart, Cummings & Hart, at what was then No. 187 Market street.

“He was initiated in LaFayette Lodge, No. 71, February 27, 1850; passed to the degree of Fellow Craft March 27, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 22, 1850. He was selected Junior Warden in December, 1850, and Worshipful Master in December, 1851. On retirement from the Oriental Chair in December, 1852, he was elected Treasurer, and annually re-elected until 1873, serving twenty years.

“He received the degree of M.M.M in Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, September 9, 1850. He was received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, February 23, 1852. Resigning therefrom April 25, 1853, he became a charter member of Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, constituted shortly afterwards, and was its first High Priest, and held that office until the close of the following year, being re-elected thereto in December, 1853, receiving the Order of High Priesthood on the 27th day of that month in the Grand Chapter.

“He served this Grand Chapter as a Grand Steward in 1855, and as a member of the Committee on By-Laws in 1856; was elected M. E.

Grand Scribe in December, 1856, and again in 1859; was elected Grand King December, 1860; Grand High Priest December 1861, and re-elected December, 1862, serving until the close of the year 1863. He served as a member of the Committee on Charity during the years 1867-9, and of the Committee on Work 1870-1; he was Knighted in St. John's Commandery, No. 4. K. T. March 26, 1852; was Captain-General 1853-4, Generalissimo 1854-5, and Em. Commander 1855-6; was Prelate for a number of years, and was also Trustee for several terms.

"At the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, held at Altoona, June 22, 1859, he was elected Grand Captain-General, and in 1860 Grand Generalissimo. June, 1862, he was elected Deputy Grand Commander. and again in 1866, and was elected R. E. Grand Commander of Pennsylvania in 1867, and while holding that office constituted Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, K. T., which was named in his honor, at Norristown, May 23, 1868.

"About the year 1860, he was appointed a Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar by Sir Benjamin B. French, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and as such constituted the Grand Commandery of Maryland.

"He received the degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry July 11, 1857; was elected Ill. Commander-in-Chief April 13, 1866, and served until December 28, 1868.

"Upon the consolidation of the City of Philadelphia in 1854, he was elected a member of Select Council from the Twentieth ward, in which he served two years.

"He was a member of the Washington Grays, and afterwards a member of the Old Guard of the State Fencibles, also of the First City Troop.

"He died Saturday, June 16, 1894, aged sixty-eight years, and was buried from the residence of his son-in-law, Comp. Richard G. Oellers. on Wednesday, June 20th. His funeral was largely attended not only by Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, which performed the impressive Masonic service over his grave, but also by a large number of members of the Fraternity.

"Comp. Jeremiah Lalor Hutchinson's Masonic activity ceased many years ago, owing to a stroke of paralysis in the year 1878, rendering him unable to attend; consequently he is comparatively unknown to a great many of our members of to-day, except in name; but a man's good deeds live after him, and but a slight reference to them will revive his memory to his many associates.

"Such are the details, a short story from which can be extracted the outward exemplification of that inward beauty which we alone can cherish in our hearts.

"Comp. Jeremiah Lalor Hutchinson recognized that one of the highest

and best objects of living is to make life the less difficult for others, The river courses that move life hardly change ; the same currents ebb and flow in all our hearts ; the happiest mariner is he that can guide his bark and carry others safely through the channels, past the rocks and shoals that threaten, and show the beauties and blessings that lie on either side, finally reaching that haven, bright with content, where we can look back with pride on the dangers escaped. So may we all live, that when the rays of time have silvered our heads and parched our ambitions, a calm and peaceful quietude may mellow the past into a roseate twilight.

“The garden of such a life as that of Comp. Jeremiah Lalor Hutchinson offers many opportunities for flowers of speech, which would make a garland fit for any king, but serves a better purpose in assuring us, his friends, that Comp. Jeremiah Lalor Hutchinson has earned a crown which is immortal.

“ ‘ Peace, peace ! he is not dead, he doth not sleep !
He hath awakened from the dream of life.
'Tis we who, lost in stormy visions, keep
With phantoms an unprofitable strife,
And in mad trance strike with our spirit's knife
Invulnerable nothings. We decay
Like corpses in a charnel ; fear and grief
Convulse us and consume us day by day,
And cold hopes swarm like worms within our living clay.

“ ‘ He has outsoared the shadow of our night.
Envy and calumny, and hate and pain,
And that unrest which men miscall delight,
Can touch him not and torture not again.
From the contagion of the world's slow stain
He is secure ; and now can never mourn
A heart grown cold, a head grown gray, in vain—
Nor, when the spirit's self has ceased to burn,
With sparkless ashes load an unlamented urn.’

“And now, in conclusion, as we face our altar, let us bow in reverence and drop one little sprig among the many wreaths that cover his bier.

“*Resolved*, That the jewels of this Grand Chapter be draped in mourning for a period of six months, as an evidence of our appreciation of the services of our late Companion, and the esteem in which he was held by his companions.”

The M. E. Grand High Priest directed that assur-

ances of the sympathy of Grand Chapter be transmitted to the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, who was absent from this Quarterly Communication on account of illness,

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch degree

The M. E. Grand High Priest having Directed that the Royal Arch degree be rehearsed before the Grand Chapter by the Philadelphia Temple School of Instruction, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the degree rehearsed by the following Officers:—

Comp.	DANIEL W. HUTCHIN,	. . . . .	as	<i>M. E. High Priest.</i>
"	FORREST E. GORDON,	. . . . .	as	<i>King.</i>
"	JEROME L. REESER,	. . . . .	as	<i>Scribe.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	. . . . .	as	<i>Captain of the Host.</i>
"	HOWARD MARCH,	. . . . .	as	<i>Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	PHINEAS GARRETT,	. . . . .	as	<i>Chaplain.</i>
"	J. HENRY WILLIAMS,	. . . . .	as	<i>Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	WILLIAM A. RHOADS,	. . . . .	as	<i>Master of third Veil</i>
"	G. W. NICHOLSON,	. . . . .	as	<i>Master of second Veil.</i>
"	SAMUEL H. HOWITZ,	.	as	<i>Master of first Veil.</i>
"	GEORGE W. LOUDENSLAGER,	.	as	<i>Senior Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	HERBERT DALSIMER,	. . . . .	as	<i>Junior Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	BENJAMIN F. WILLIAMS,	. . . . .	as	<i>Pursuivant.</i>

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was then closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 6, 1894.

PRESENT. :

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ EZRA S. BARTLETT, . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ RICHARD M. JOHNSON, .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ CHARLES CARY,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary</i>
“ REV. HENRY S. GETZ, .	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
“ L. HASSELL LAPP,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ EDWIN H. COANE, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ LOUIS WAGNER,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ HARRY M. VANZANDT, .	<i>Grand Master of 3d. Veil.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>Grand Master of 2nd. Veil.</i>
“ CALEB C. THOMPSON, . as	<i>Grand Master of 1st. Veil.</i>
“ ROBERT J. LINDEN, . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ ADAM H. SCHMEHL, . .	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ JAMES H. CODDING, . . as	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ FRANK M. HIGHLEY, . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM A. SINN, . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests :—Comps. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, JOHN MCKAIN, JOHN B. SPRENKEL, STEPHEN H. APPLETON, MICHAEL W. JACOBS, THADDEUS S. ADLE, MICHAEL W. REINOEHL, DANIEL Z. WALKER, GEORGE P. LINDSAY, JAMES H. CODDING, CALEB C. THOMPSON, DANIEL B. ELSE, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, HARVEY A. MCKILLIP, JOHN M. VANVLIET.

Past Grand High Priests :—M. E. Comps. GEORGE E. WAGNER, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, JAMES S. BARBER.

Grand Representatives :—Comp WILLIAM J. KELLY, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON, of Grand Chapters of Canada and Scotland.

Comp. JAMES S. BARBER, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and North Carolina.

Comp. DAVID B. TAYLOR, of Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.

Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

Comp. SAMUEL W. WRAY, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Comp. ALEXANDER McCUNE, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

Comp. MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Comp. N. FERREE LIGHTNER, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Comp. HENRY J. MCCARTHY, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Comp. ISAAC N. GRUBB, of the Grand Chapter of Nevada.

Comp. JOSEPH EICHBAUM, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Comp. CHARLES CARY, of the Grand Chapter of New York.

Comp. MICHAEL W. JACOBS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

Comp. JOHN MCKAIN, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Comp. ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Comp. HARRY M. VANZANDT, of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

Comp. WILLIAM A. SINN, of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Comp. LOUIS WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Comp. CONRAD B. DAY, of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Comp. JOHN C. WALLACE, of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 159, 161, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167, 169, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 191, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 208, 210, 211, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 228, 229, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 238, 239, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 267, 268, 269, 271, 273.—(88 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at three o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 6th 1894, were read and approved.

By-Laws were received from Chapters No. 202, 242 and 244, and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 170, 214 and 238 which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Work and Jurisprudence presented the following Report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6th, 1894.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

COMPANIONS :—Your Committee on Work and Jurisprudence beg leave to report that nothing has occurred during the present year to even require a meeting of the Committee : the Work being promulgated under the direction of the Schools, and in such a perfect manner, not even requiring a criticism of any kind, except one that might be favorable. The work has enlisted the interest of every one in any way prominently connected with Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,

GEORGE E. WAGNER,

JAMES S. BARBER,

Committee on Work and Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

COMPANIONS :—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Thomas R. Patton, from November 20, 1893, to November 20, 1894, and find them correct :—The books of the Grand Secretary Charles E. Meyer from November 20, 1893, to December 27, 1893, and find them as per reports of March, June and September, 1894.—And the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. Charles Cary, from December 27, 1893, to November 20, 1894, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 20, 1893	\$1,175 61
Dues and Fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges	7,000 50
Interest on Masonic Loan	800 00
Interest on deposits of Grand Treasurer	39 12
Sale of Certificates Constitutions, Attests and Dispensations	27 50
Total	<u>\$9,042 73</u>

PAYMENTS.

Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	\$500 00
Expenses of Grand High Priest, (including \$122 30 from appropriation for 1893, not used during that year.)	1,622.30
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	707.75
Printing, Postage, Stationary, etc.	988.86
Rent, one year,	1,275.00
Salaries to September 27, 1894,	1,300.00
Masonic Clothing, Furniture and Fire Proof Safe,	318.05
Tuning Organ,	40 00
	<u>6,751.96</u>
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer,	\$2,290.77

Due from Chapters, November 20, 1894, . . \$489.30

Due to Chapters, November 20, 1894, . . . 6.65

We have examined the investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to Twenty Thousand Dollars, all of which are bonds of the four per cent. Masonic Loan, in the name of the "Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania," and found them correct.

The Committee present the following estimate of Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1895 :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 20, 1894,	\$2,290.77
Dues and Fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges,	5,700.00
Interest on Investments,	800.00
Sale of Constitutions, Certificates, etc.,	20.00
Charter,	100.00
	<u>8,910 77</u>

Amount brought forward, \$8,910.77

EXPENDITURES.

Masonic Home of Pennsylvania,	\$ 500 00	
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	2,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	700.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery, etc ,	1,000.00	
Rents,	2,775.00	
Salaries,	1,300 00	
Masonic Clothing, Furniture, etc.,	200.00	
Tuning Organ,	40.00	
	<hr/>	8,515 00
Showing a surplus of		\$395.77

The Committee offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That appropriations be made for the year 1895, as follows :

For the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania,	\$ 500.00
For Expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest,	2,000 00
For Expenses of the D. D. Grand High Priests,	700.00
For Printing, Postage, Stationery, etc ,	1,000 00
For Rents,	2,775 00
For Salaries,	1,300 00
For Masonic Clothing, Furniture, etc.,	200.00
For Tuning Organ,	40.00
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	\$8,515.00

Resolved, That the M. E Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the M. E. Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing resolution, as they become due and payable.

Since our September report we have found further deficiencies in the accounts of Charles E. Meyer, late Grand Secretary, amounting to \$459.20 making a total misappropriation by him of \$6,870.74, and this closes the account.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS,
Committee on Finance.

The Report was received as read, and, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented a report, which was received, and the accompanying resolutions were adopted.

A communication was read from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana announcing the death of M. E. Grand High Priest JOSEPH A. MANNING.

A communication was received from the M. E. Grand Chapter of Kansas, Royal Arch Masons, announcing the death of M. E. DWIGHT BYINGTON, Past Grand High Priest.

Missives were received from the Grand High Priests of the following Grand Chapters, severally appointing the Companions named as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:—

Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, from the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

Comp. ALEXANDER McCUNE, from the Grand Chapter of Maine.

Comp. ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, from the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

Comp. THOMAS MILLSPAUGH, from the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who reported the following Companions duly elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, beginning on St. John's day next:

M. E. Comp	EZRA S. BARTLETT,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	RICHARD M. JOHNSON,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	MICHAEL W. JACOBS,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	THOMAS R. PATTON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	CHARLES CARY,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

and the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the Companions named duly elected.

The M. E. Grand High Priest called attention to the fact that the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the formation of this Grand Chapter will occur on November 23d 1895, whereupon it was, on motion of Companion William J. Kelly :

RESOLVED,—That a Committee be appointed to consider the advisability of celebrating the said One Hundredth Anniversary, and to report at the Annual Communication, on St. John's Day next.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint the Committee on Finance as said Committee.

Companion Louis Wagner, President of "The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania," extended the thanks of the Corporation for the generous contribution of the Grand Chapter to the funds of that Institution.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at five o'clock and forty minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, ST. JOHN'S DAY, THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 27, 1894.

PRESENT:

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
Comp. CHARLES CARY,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
Comp. REV. HENRY S. GETZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
Comp. ARTHUR A. MUTH, as	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
Comp. EDWIN H. COANE,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
Comp. DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, as	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
Comp. HARRY M. VANZANDT.	<i>Grand Master of 3rd Veil.</i>
Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS,	<i>Grand Master of 2d Veil.</i>
Comp. MAXIMILIAN WEISS, as	<i>Grand Master of 1st Veil.</i>
Comp. ROBERT J. LINDEN,	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
Comp. ADAM H. SCHMEHL,	<i>S. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
Comp. JAMES BLELOCH, as	<i>J. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
Comp. FRANK M. HIGHLEY,	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
Comp. WILLIAM A. SINN,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Comps. GEORGE E. WAGNER, HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, JAMES S. BARBER.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

- Comp. WILLIAM J. KELLY, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
 Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON, of Grand Chapters of Canada and Scotland
 Comp. JAMES S. BARBER, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and North Carolina.
 Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
 Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.
 Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
 Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Comp. JOSEPH EICHBAUM, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
Comp. CHARLES CARY, of Grand Chapter of New York.
Comp. MICHAEL W. JACOBS, of Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
Comp. ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
Comp. HARRY M. VANZANDT, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
Comp. WILLIAM A. SINN, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
Comp. CONRAD B. DAY, of Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 175, 183, 186, 190, 196, 202, 232, 237, 238, 239, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 257, 258, 273, (27.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at six o'clock P. M.

A Petition was received from Columbia Chapter No. 91 asking permission to act on the petition for Degrees and Membership of Brother B. B. C., rejected in Chapter No. 3.

On motion permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

Amendments to By-Laws were received from Chapters No. 237 and 243, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report, which was received, and the Resolution as offered was unanimously adopted:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the subject of celebrating the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the opening of the Grand Chapter would respectfully report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we deem it eminently fitting and appropriate that the

One-Hundredth Anniversary of the opening of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter be celebrated on the Twenty-third day of November, 1895, and that a committee be appointed in conjunction with the Elective Grand Officers to prepare a proper programme for the celebration: and that an amount for the required expense attending the same be authorized to be expended by the Committee.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS.

Committee on Finance.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21, 1894.

The Committee on By-Laws reported as follows.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Your Committee on By-Laws, having examined the Amendments to By-Laws referred to them respectfully offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 237 and 243 be approved.

For the Committee,

CHARLES P. KEECH.

On motion the report was received and the Resolution adopted.

General returns were received from several Chapters, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

A missive was received from M. E. Companion Myron J. Horton, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, appointing Companion Louis Wagner as Representative of said Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. On motion Comp. Louis Wagner was acknowledged as such Representative.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Edgar A. Tennis, presented the following as his

ANNUAL REPORT.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER :—The record of another year has been made up, and with it my administration as your presiding officer closes forever. That I should be called to fill this honorable station was a compliment fraught with grave duties and responsibilities, the extent of which I have endeavored to measure, but in retrospecting I catch only rays of encouragement between the clouds of disappointment. You only know how nearly I have met your expectations. God knows how hard I have tried to perform my duty ; and now with a heart full of love to you for your confidence and unfaltering support, I shall briefly review the work of the past year.

OUR DEAD.

While we exchange warm fraternal greetings with each other at this annual reunion our joyous thoughts are tinged with feelings of sadness when we remember there are some whom we loved to meet and honor on these occasions that have been called to pass the white veil of the Sanctuary above. Death is not the ending but the beginning of life. The doctrine of the immortality of the soul is not only one of the most ancient of all the precepts taught in our Fraternity, but the grand truth upon which it was built.

“ There is no death. 'Tis but a change of life,
And ever near us, though unseen
The dear Immortal spirits tread.
There is no death. The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore.”

Among those best known to the fraternity in our jurisdiction for whom we mourn are

Comp. Luther F. Smith, Grand Chaplain, January 4, 1894.

Comp. J. Alexander Simpson, Chairman Committee on By-Laws, February 27, 1894.

Comp. Luther M. Fine, D.D.G.H.P., April 25, 1894.

Comp. Jeremiah L. Hutchinsen, P.G.H.P., June 16, 1894.

Comp. Jeremiah M. Carvell, G. Chaplain, September 1, 1894.

Comp. Arthur Thacher, of Committee on Printing and Publishing, October 30, 1894.

We have been notified officially of the death of many distinguished companions in other jurisdictions indicating to us that the active work of Capitular Masonry year by year must fall upon younger shoulders and we must be prepared to accept our share, and so perform our parts that dying

“ We may leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.”

DECISIONS.

So well are the rules and regulations of Capitular Masonry understood by Constituent bodies in our jurisdiction that few decisions, edicts, etc., have been made. The following are the most important for the year.

In answer to an inquiry as to whether a High Priest could also be the representative of his Chapter, I decided that he could, but his election as representative must be subsequent to his installation as High Priest, meaning by this that a Companion cannot be elected High Priest and Representative at the same meeting, nor prior to his installation as High Priest.

I decided that the loss of a leg disqualified a Master Mason for advancement, and said: “ For the sake of many good

men and true who desire advancement but have been unfortunate enough to lose an eye, hand, or leg, or in some other marked degree impaired the physical frame, I would gladly rule differently, but I regard the regulation that a candidate shall be sound in all his members as applicable to the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry as the symbolic, and have therefore guarded the pathway to any innovation of this landmark."

Abington Royal Arch Chapter No. 245, Jenkintown, Pa., at its stated meeting April 24th, 1894, balloted for and elected to membership Comp. H—— A—— before receiving a reply from the Grand Secretary in accordance with Section 115, Constitution of Grand Chapter, whereupon I directed that the name of the said H—— A—— be stricken from the roll of membership in Abington Chapter No. 245.

Lackawanna Chapter No. 185, Scranton, Pa., received the petition, balloted for and conferred the degrees upon M—— W. R——, resident of Stroudsburg, Pa., without inquiring of Bangor Chapter No. 274 whether said Chapter had masonic objection, etc. Bangor Chapter being nearest the residence of the applicant, I declared the action of Lackawanna Chapter No. 185 null and void, that the said M—— W. R—— is not a member of Lackawanna Chapter No. 185, and not entitled to any recognition whatever as a M. M. Mason, M. E. M. Mason, or Royal Arch Mason.

I decided that an officer of a Chapter could not resign, he having obligated himself to serve for a Masonic year, ending on St. John's day succeeding his installation.

I declared the action of Oriental Chapter No. 183 withdrawing a second petition after being favorably reported by the Inquiring Committee, but before ballot, as null and void, and directed them to proceed with the ballot. The law has been

well defined for several years that a second petition cannot be withdrawn.

On October 1st, I issued the following circular letter, the necessity for which became apparent by reason of frequent irregularities upon the part of Secretaries of Chapters and others upon whom important duties fell. Good results have already been obtained, and it is not likely that further admonitions will be necessary.

To the High Priest, Officers and Members of Chapter No.

I desire to call your attention to the following regulations, and ask that they be enforced and obeyed to the letter, that the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter may be fully maintained.

It has come to my knowledge that it is a practice in some Chapters to act on Petitions of applicants not *presented* and *read* at a stated meeting at least four weeks prior to a ballot on the petition.

This practice is in violation of the established regulations of Grand Chapter as exhibited in Sec. 108 of the Constitution, and must cease. See also page 39 of the Annual Proceedings for 1893 as to the duty of High Priest and Committees of Inquiry.

Secretaries of Chapters are hereby positively instructed to send "Monthly Returns" to the Grand Secretary within one week from the time of holding a stated meeting, in order to receive a reply previous to the meeting following.

All resignations must be reported promptly to the Grand Secretary, considerable annoyance having been caused by failure to observe this rule.

High Priests are forbidden from abridging any of the lectures in the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry—a custom prevails in some Chapters to omit parts of lectures, particularly in the Royal Arch degree, which custom must cease.

Not more than two degrees should be conferred by a Chapter at a single meeting, and not more than one degree upon the same candidates; they should become proficient in a degree before advancement.

I am gratified to observe increased interest in Capitular Masonry

throughout our jurisdiction, and attribute much to a closer observance of our customs and the diffusion of Masonic knowledge through the recently established agencies. This good work must continue until hidden beauties and treasured truths unknown to many initiates shall be appreciated.

In my address of last year I had occasion to refer to correspondence reflecting upon the action of Cataract Chapter, No. 10 of the Jurisdiction of New Jersey, I am now happy to announce the satisfactory adjustment of all differences and that the friction between the above Chapter and Chapter No. 203 of our Jurisdiction arose from a misunderstanding rather than any intention to avoid duty or appear discourteous.

APPOINTMENTS.

I was pleased to appoint Comp. Charles Cary, Grand Secretary, to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Correspondence caused by the expulsion of Comp. Charles E. Meyer.

The death of Comp. Luther M. Fine, of Easton, D. D. G. H. P. for the counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe, made an appointment in this District necessary and, after careful inquiry, I selected Comp. Daniel Z. Walker, of Allentown, to represent me, and his appointment thus far has proven to be most satisfactory to all interests.

The death of Comp. J. Alexander Simpson, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, caused a vacancy that has been filled by the appointment of Comp. Henry J. McCarthy, of Chapter No. 251.

NEW CHAPTER.

Referring to my address of last year, noting my refusal to constitute a new chapter at Catasauqua, because of a lack of proficiency upon the part of the officers, chosen to do the work, I was happy to be informed that the officers were prepared to do

their several parts and I accordingly selected April 11th for the day of constituting this Chapter, and, accompanied by my Grand Officers, several District Deputies and invited Companions, we visited Catasauqua and in due form constituted Chapter No. 278 with fifteen charter members, after which the Mark Master Masons Degree was conferred upon 26 candidates.

Comp. Jno. B. Davis was installed M. E. H. P., Comp. Abraham F. Koons, King; Comp. Charles D. W. Bower, Scribe.

The Chapter starts under favorable circumstances and its future is bright with promise.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following named Companion to represent this Grand Chapter near his Grand Chapter and his Commission has been duly received and acknowledged: Robert L. Fulton, P. G. H. P., Nevada, vice John H. Hubbs, deceased.

We have also received and acknowledged the appointment of the following Companions to represent the several Grand Bodies near this Grand Chapter:

George B. Wells, Illinois.
Anthony E. Stocker, Indiana.
Martin L. Shaffner, Massachusetts.
Charles Cary, New York.
Thomas Millspaugh, South Carolina.
John McKain, Quebec.
Samuel W. Latta, New Brunswick.
L. Hassell Lapp, Wisconsin.
Alexander McCune, Maine.
Alexander H. Morgan, Maryland.
Joshua L. Lyte, Iowa.

Referring to my several addresses upon the subject of organized Schools of Instruction I am gratified to announce the or-

ganization and successful working of ten District Schools and several Local Schools. The District Schools are located and officered as follows:

PITTSBURG.

- Comp. Wm. C. Wright, President.
“ Abner S. Bender, Vice President.
“ Joseph J. Morris, Treasurer.
“ George W. Robitzer, Secretary.
“ John McKain, D. D. G. H. P., Instructor.

SCRANTON.

- Comp. Frederick L. Brown, D. D. G. H. P., President.
“ John W. Dusenbery, Secretary and Treasurer.
“ T. Franklin Penman, }
“ Charles S. Seamans, } Instructors.

WILKESBARRE.

- Comp. George P. Lindsay, D. D. G. H. P., President.
“ G. T. Griffin, Treasurer.
“ William C. Allan, Secretary.
“ Frank Dietrick, }
“ Joseph Steidle, } Instructors.
“ E. F. Bogert, }

TOWANDA.

- Comp. James H. Coddington, D. D. G. H. P., President.
“ T. Craft McKee, Secretary and Treasurer.
“ T. Craft McKee, }
“ John N. Califf, } Instructors.
“ William H. Ninor, }

WILLIAMSPORT.

- Comp. Thomas Millspaugh, President.
“ Ezra Rathmell, Vice President.
“ William H. Crockett, Secretary.
“ Clarence E. Else, Treasurer.

Comp. Irvin T. Huff,
“ John K. Hays, } Instructors.
“ John G. Reading, Jr. }

ALLENTOWN.

Comp. John B. Davis, President.
“ Russell A. Thayer, Vice President.
“ Armat W. Lee, Secretary and Treasurer.
“ Daniel Z. Walker, D. D. G. H. P., Director.
“ William S. Semple, }
“ Geo. W. Riegel, } Instructors.
“ Asa R. Beers, }

SHARON.

Comp. John N. Emery, President.
“ Jos. P. Dickey, Vice President.
“ John Murchie, Secretary.
“ Calvin R. Beatty, Treasurer.
“ John C. Wallace, Prin. Instructor.
“ John C. Owsley, }
“ Calvin R. Beatty, } Assistants.

HUNTINGDON.

Comp. Wm. L. Johnston, President.
“ Martin L. Shaffner, D. D. G. H. P., Secretary
and Treasurer.
“ Henry W. Read, }
“ Wm. L. Johnston, } Instructors.

HARRISBURG.

Comp. W. L. Gorgas, President.
“ M. W. Jacobs, D. D. G. H. P., Vice President.
“ N. Frank Motter, Secretary.
“ Robert C. Welsh, Treasurer.
“ Joseph Pomeroy, }
“ Lewis L. Banks, } Instructors.
“ Clark E. Diehl, }
“ Robert C. Welsh, }

PHILADELPHIA.

Comp. R. M. Johnson, Principal.

“ Jerome L. Reeser,

“ Carl A. Sundstrom, Instructors.

“ William B. Joslyn,

The most flattering reports reach me of the good results obtained through the medium of instruction thus provided and the wisdom of their establishment is no longer a subject of speculation, it is generally admitted that our Chapters are doing better and more impressive work, that the lessons taught have in them an underlying inspiration to noble actions only fully appreciated when understood, and as understanding comes only to those who labor diligently for its attainment I have endeavored to make the pathway as inviting as possible.

In my effort to thus encourage Masonic knowledge and establish uniformity of work I have been ably and willingly assisted by a number of District Deputies to whom I feel grateful, but to no one is there so much credit due as to Comp. Richard M. Johnson, Grand Scribe, who has personally directed the organization of most of the above Schools and labored diligently for days to secure proficiency in the several officers. He is conscious of the high esteem in which he is held by the Companions of our jurisdiction and counts his efforts a labor of love.

It has been the custom of this Grand Chapter for many years to exemplify a degree at each of the Communications and this work has been done by the Grand Officers for the instruction of the officers in Constituent Chapters and others. At the September Communication I departed from this custom by inviting the Philadelphia School of Instruction to rehearse the work of the Royal Arch Degree, which they did to the delight and satisfaction of the Grand Officers and all whose pleasure it

was to be present. Comp. Daniel W. Hutchin, King of Harmony Council, No. 52, was High Priest, and he was ably supported by members of the various Chapters in this city, all of whom are members of the School of Instruction. I was glad to be able to give this recognition to the School and am grateful for the prompt and willing acceptance of my request to appear before the Grand Chapter. I shall not be surprised if my worthy successor indulges in the same departure, since it is difficult to secure the attendance of a full official staff at rehearsals and it is equally difficult to do correct and impressive work without rehearsals, a fact well known to every presiding officer, whether in the Grand or a Constituent body.

HARMONY CENTENNIAL.

The most interesting event in Capitular Masonry for the year was the Centennial Celebration of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, which occurred on Saturday evening, April 28, 1894.

After one hundred years of active life and with a record unexcelled by any Chapter in our jurisdiction the surviving Past High Priests, present officers and members of this Chapter to the number of about 400 fitly celebrated this most interesting of all anniversaries. The exercises in the Chapter Hall from the address of welcome by Comp. Charles A. Stine, Jr., M. E. H. P., to the close of the programme, were of special merit and in keeping with the high standard of excellence attained by this Chapter.

Comp. John Curtis, P. H. P., as Historian merited and received the commendations of his Companions for the very able and interesting historic paper on this Chapter. I am pleased to learn that a record of this occasion in all its details will be published under cover and distributed to those interested.

VISITATIONS.

I confined the Official Grand Visitations during the year to Chapter meeting in this city.

On Wednesday, October 17th, accompanied by my Grand Officers, we inspected the work of Columbia Chapter, No. 91.

Keystone Chapter, No. 175, was visited October 22d.

Oriental Chapter, No. 183, the largest in our jurisdiction, on November 15th. and

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, the oldest in our jurisdiction, on November 19th.

The work in each of the above Chapters was well rendered and in strict accordance with the work of the Grand Chapter, reflecting credit upon all, and received as it deserved the commendations of the Grand Officers.

On the evening of November 21st I had the pleasure of attending the 20th anniversary exercises of Signet Chapter, No. 251, of this city. The membership of the Chapter was well represented, the work of the evening well rendered, and the Anniversary exercises conducted by the High Priest Comp. Samuel B. Chapman, Secretary Oscar R. Meyers, and others, was both pleasing and instructive.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Before our next annual Communication we shall have passed the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of this Grand Chapter, and it is but fitting that we should celebrate this event in a manner becoming the age, dignity and importance of our Grand Body. Three generations of men have completed their life work, and the record of many of them renowned in Masonic life, together with the proud record of our Jurisdiction, will furnish an inspiration to celebrate our long and pros-

perous career with joy and thanksgiving. As Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons we enjoy the proud distinction of having first conferred the degree of Royal Arch Masonry in America, and we are also the first Grand Chapter to celebrate a centennial organization. We shall look forward therefore with pride and pleasure to the Autumn day when with open arms we may welcome to this Temple not only the devoted Companions of our Jurisdiction, but the honored and beloved Companions of many Grand Chapters on this Continent.

CONCLUSION.

I have briefly penned my official actions, preferring that comments shall come from you rather than me. What a presiding officer has done is not so much a matter of solicitation as what he intends to do, and as I surrender the emblem of authority to my worthy successor I bespeak for him the same cordial support that has been given me and this will go far towards making his administration successful and pleasant.

The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon the peace and tranquility which prevails within her borders; she is in friendly accord with all regularly constituted Grand Chapters and keeps pace with Masonic progress everywhere. My heart goes out in gratefulness to each member of my official staff and my love to each member of our noble Fraternity, may

“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 6th, 1894, as relates to the Election of Grand Officers, was read.

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High-Priesthood having retired,

Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT was installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging; was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft,

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were each duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:

Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, *M. E. Grand King.*

“ MICHAEL W. JACOBS, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ THOMAS R. PATTON, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ CHARLES CARY, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Ezra S. Bartlett, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER :—The installation ceremony of to-night is the formal and Constitutional act in execution of your will as expressed at the last Quarterly Communication.

Every Companion understands its import and every officer installed should, and we believe does, fully realize the responsibilities that he has voluntarily assumed.

This hour marks the ending of the last and the beginning of a new official year, the installing of his successor into office being the last official act of the retiring M. E. Grand High

Priest. As his successor it becomes me at this time to briefly address you upon a few subjects that suggest themselves as pertinent to the occasion.

Having been called by your unanimous voice to fill the exalted station of M. E. Grand High Priest, I desire to record my grateful appreciation of the distinguished honor that this preferment confers. The constitutional powers and duties conferred and imposed, together with the record of the ability and manifest administrative success of those who have presided over this Grand Chapter during the years that have passed remind me of the many important and responsible duties I will be called upon to perform. Deeply sensible of these responsibilities, the power and dignity of the office and the confidence you have reposed in me, it will be my earnest purpose and effort as the head of this legislative and judicial Grand Body to see that the ancient usages, customs and landmarks are preserved in all their purity; that the provisions of its Constitution are complied with; that the cordial feelings of unity and fraternity now existing throughout this entire jurisdiction as well as with our sister grand bodies shall be maintained and intensified; that this Grand Chapter shall preserve its fair name unsullied and lose none of the prestige and honor which it has won in the first century of its existence.

This, Companions, is my thought and my determination. Neither new nor startling, but the same policy as inaugurated and followed by a long line of illustrious predecessors, whose efforts have received the endorsement of their Companions of Grand Chapter.

The incoming year is an important and significant one to the Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction as well as of interest to the fraternity at large, as it marks the passage of the

last year of the first century of the existence of a Grand Chapter on this Continent, "The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

While it is unnecessary and would certainly be impossible for me at this time to enter into any detailed history of this Grand Chapter since its formation, it seems appropriate to me on this the eve of its centennial year, to recall to your minds briefly a few historical facts of record in relation to its formation.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was formed by our Grand Lodge on the 23d day of November, 1795, under the following resolution unanimously adopted: "Be it therefore and it is hereby resolved, That a Grand Chapter be opened under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Resolutions defining its membership, powers and place of meeting were also adopted. This action by the Grand Lodge was taken for the protection of Ancient Masonry and rendered necessary by the irregular and unauthorized attempt of an unaffiliated Mason, one James Molan, in 1795, to form a Grand Chapter under the warrants of Lodges No. 19, 52 and 67, which attempt was promptly suppressed by the Grand Lodge through the exercise of its disciplinary powers—perfect harmony was, however, subsequently restored. The Grand Chapter thus formed continued under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, whose Grand Master was ex-officio Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter until 1824, when the Grand Chapter was made an independent body, electing its own officers as at present. This, Companions, is a brief sketch of the early history of our Grand Chapter, whose one hundredth anniversary is so close upon us.

Action looking to an expression in relation to its celebration

was taken at the last Quarterly Communication by referring the matter to a Committee, to report at this annual meeting.

The report of that Committee to-night shows that while they have not outlined a programme of services, they are conscious of the important meaning of the event and recommend its proper celebration. The subsequent concurring action of the Grand Chapter gives the assurance that this epoch in its history will receive the prominence that the event merits and the occasion demands.

No changes have been made in the personnel of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, other than those necessitated to fill vacancies caused by the Companion last serving declining a re-appointment, or the forming of new, or altering of old Districts. In their knowledge of official duties and the well-directed energy and zeal displayed in the performance of those duties: in the support given my predecessor in all his efforts and suggestions for the advancement of Capitular Masonry they have met his approval and endorsement. These considerations have prompted me to continue them as District Representatives of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and in return I simply ask and shall expect the same zealous and active interest in all that pertains to the harmony, prosperity and advancement of the constituent Chapters under their immediate charge.

The organization of "Schools of Instruction" throughout the State, under the immediate charge and supervision of the District Deputies, which showed such remarkable progress during the past year, should be encouraged and persisted in until every District shall have its organized School, with competent instructors teaching the work as now authorized and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter through its Committee on Work, the

fountain head of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania until the "Uniformity in the work" plea, so long and so persistently urged, shall cease to be a desideratum longed for, but become an actual fact throughout the jurisdiction.

In speaking of the work as now authorized and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter, it is not to be understood that any change has been made in the system; no material change is ever known to have been made and we trust none will ever be attempted.

"In 1858 a special Committee on Work was appointed under a resolution of the Grand Chapter, composed of P. G. H. Priests whose Masonic experience extended back and connected with those who were the fathers of R. A. Masonry in America. The report was made and adopted by the Grand Chapter as the authorized work of the Chapters under this jurisdiction."

Since that period the Committee of Work and Jurisprudence has long been a standing committee of the Grand Chapter, to whom must be referred "all questions touching the Ancient Work," etc., etc.

The known conservative spirit of Pennsylvania Masonry, always opposing change, warrants and justifies the belief and the assertion that the system now in use is the same work approved by the Committee in 1858, and the Ancient Work that has always prevailed in this jurisdiction.

No constituent Chapter is so strong, no officer so high as to be above the law, nor can it be disregarded without incurring the penalty for its violation. The duties of both are clearly defined in the "Constitution of the Grand Chapter."

The conscientious officer, in order to truly and faithfully perform the obligatory duties assumed, must closely observe

the laws laid down for his guidance, therefore, an intelligent study of the "Constitution, Rules and Regulations," and a familiarity with its provisions, as well as a thorough knowledge of the work of the several degrees is enjoined upon all. To know how and what to do is the secret of successful administration, and the confidence of knowledge will alone enable you to do creditably and acceptably.

Under certain Constitutional requirements a Constituent Chapter is solely the judge of its membership, and those who successfully pass the test of the ballot are found worthy and admitted members thereof. How sacredly should this entrance to our sanctuary be guarded. Let not an over-anxious desire to increase the membership and add to the funds of your Chapter allow you to relax the care and watchfulness that should ever be exercised in the selection of the material presented for your acceptance.

No unworthy should ever be allowed to pass the Veils, whose symbolism illustrates the grand and sublime principles of our fraternity. See to it that the Masonic character of the applicant is above reproach. Let the standard of qualification for admission into your Chapter be as high and the test as strong as that at first required to enter the portals of Masonry. By this alone may we hope or expect to be able to maintain the strength and purity of Masonic association, the union of "good men and true" bound together by the ties of Friendship and brotherly love.

In looking backwards along the pathway of years and noting the difficulties and perplexities that confronted our forefathers in Masonry in their efforts to perfect this grand organization, may we not be truly thankful that all those grave questions are forever settled—that they are now behind us and not before us?

This Grand H. R. A. Chapter of to-day, with its 120 Constituent Chapters, aggregating 16,000 members, is a living proof that they in their day builded the foundations wisely and well.

Let this thought stimulate and incite us to the performance of a present duty, that of building up, strengthening and supporting the organization that they in their wisdom and sense of duty brought into being nearly one hundred years ago.

Feeling assured of your generous forbearance and co-operation, we now enter upon our new duties.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following Appointments for the present Masonic Year, commencing this day:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The County of Philadelphia will be under the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Ezra S. Bartlett.

1. Comp. John McKain, of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Allegheny and Washington.

2. Comp. William C. Thompson, of Butler, for the Counties of Beaver and Butler.

3. Comp. Curtis G. Campbell, of Johnstown, for the Counties of Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset and Cambria.

4. Comp. John B. Sprenkel, of York, for the Counties of Lancaster, Adams and York.

5. Comp. Stephen H. Appleton, of Media, for the County of Delaware.

6. Comp. John H. Shopp, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Cumberland and Franklin.

7. Comp. Thaddeus S. Adle, of Norristown, for the Counties of Montgomery and Bucks.

8. Comp. John E. Hill, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon.

9. Comp. Charles F. Derr, of Pottsville, for the County of Schuylkill.

10. Comp. Daniel Z. Walker, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe.

11. Comp. George P. Lindsay, of Plymouth, for the Counties of Luzerne and Pike.

12. Comp. James H. Coddington, of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga, and Chapter 172 at Tunkhannock.

13. Comp. Caleb C. Thompson, of Warren, for the Counties of Warren, Venango and Forrest.

14. Comp. John M. Schram, of Ridgway, for the Counties of McKean, Potter, Cameron and Elk.

15. Comp. Daniel B. Else, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Centre, and Chapter 246 at Watson-town.

16. Comp. Frederick L. Brown, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming, except Chapter 172 at Tunkhannock.

17. Comp. Martin L. Shaffner, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Mifflin, Bedford, Huntingdon, Juniata, Fulton, Perry, Clearfield and Blair.

18. Comp. Alured P. Burton, of Erie, for the Counties of Erie and Crawford.

19. Comp. Alfred F. Henlein, of Greenville, for the Counties of Mercer and Lawrence.

20. Comp. John W. Farnsworth, of Danville, for the Counties of Northumberland, Montour and Columbia, except Chapter No. 246, of Watsonstown.

21. Comp. John M. Van Vliet, of Brookville, for the Counties of Jefferson, Clarion and Armstrong.

22. Comp. Ellis H. Doan, of Coatesville, for the County of Chester.

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- Comp. Rev. HENRY S. GETZ, of Philadelphia.
“ Rev. CHARLES W. STOCK, of Hanover.
“ Rev. BENJAMIN F. DELO, of Clarion.
“ Rev. CHARLES T. MORGAN, of Philadelphia.

Grand Captain of the Host.

- Comp. L. HASSELL LAPP, Philadelphia.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

- Comp. EDWIN H. COANE, of Philadelphia.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

- Comp. SAMUEL I. GIVIN, of Philadelphia.

Grand Master of Third Veil.

- Comp. FRANCIS H. HEMPERLEY, of Philadelphia.

Grand Master of Second Veil.

- Comp. FRANK P. MASON, of Philadelphia.

Grand Master of First Veil.

- Comp. ADAM H. SCHMEHL, of Reading.

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- Comp. LEWIS S. WESSELS, of Philadelphia.

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- Comp. FORREST E. GORDON, of Philadelphia.

Grand Pursuivant.

- Comp. FRANK M. HIGHLEY, of Philadelphia.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM A. SINN, of Philadelphia.

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“ “ HIPPERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.,

“ “ GEORGE E. WAGNER, P. G. H. P.,

“ “ JAMES S. BARBER, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

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“ M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,

“ SAMUEL W. WRAY,

“ CHARLES W. PACKER,

“ ELLSWORTH H. HULTS.

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“ “ EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.,

“ J. SIMPSON AFRICA,

“ JOSHUA L. LYTE,

“ JOHN P. CLARK.

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“ STOCKTON BATES,

“ GEORGE CARNELL,

“ ALEXANDER McCUNE.

Committee on Charity.

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- " N. FERREE LIGHTNER,
- " ROBERT L. HOLLIDAY,
- " JOSEPH S. WRIGHT,
- " SAMUEL W. LATTA.

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- " CHARLES CARY,
- " ARTHUR H. WOODWARD,
- " JOHN T. BEARDSLEY,
- " MATTHIAS H. SEDDINGER.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint the Committee on Finance, as a Committee to act in conjunction with the Elective Grand Officers to prepare a programme for the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary, in accordance with the resolution adopted by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at seven o'clock and forty-five minutes, P. M.

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary.



OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY. MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of
Pennsylvania.

- 1795, WILLIAM BALL.†
1796—1797, WILLIAM MOORE SMITH †
1798—1802, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH.†
1803—1805, ISRAEL ISRAEL.†
1806—1813, JAMES MILNOR †
1814, RICHARD TYBOUT.†
1815, SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.†
1816—1817, WALTER KERR.†
1818—1821, BAYSE NEWCOMB.†
1822—1823, JOSIAH RANDALL.†
1824—1825, MICHAEL NISBET.†
1826, JOHN STEELE, JR.†
1827, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN.†
1828, JOSEPH S. RILEY.†
1829—1831, JOHN M. READ.†
1832—1833, SAMUEL H. PERKINS.†
1834, ENOS S. GANDY.†
1835, JOHN Y. BLACK.†
1836—1840, JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.†
1841—1842, ALEXANDER DIAMOND.†
1843—1844, WILLIAM WHITNEY.†

- 1845—1846 WILLIAM BARGER.†
1847, JOHN W. MCGRATH.†
1848, JOHN J. KRIDER.†
1849, JAMES SIMPSON.†
1850—1851, DAVID C. SKERRETT, M. D.†
1852—1853, EDWARD P. LESCURE.†
1854, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, M. D.†
1855—1856, HARMAN BAUGH.†
1857, JOHN C. SMITH.†
1858—1859, DANIEL THOMPSON.†
1860, BENJAMIN PARKE.†
1861, HARMAN YERKES.†
1862—1863, JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON.†
1864—1865, GEORGE W. WOOD.†
1866—1867, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.
1868—1869, GEORGE GRISCOM.†
1870—1871, MICHAEL NISBET.
1872—1873, CHARLES E. MEYER.*
1874—1875, ANDREW ROBENO, JR.†
1876, GEORGE E. WAGNER.
1877—1878, ALFRED R. POTTER.†
1879—1880, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M. D.
1881—1882, HIBBERT P. JOHN.
1883—1884, AUGUSTUS R. HALL.†
1885—1886, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.
1887—1888, MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.
1889—1890, JAMES S. BARBER.
1891—1892, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.
1893—1894, EDGAR A. TENNIS.
1895, EZRA S. BARTLETT.

† Deceased.

* Expelled,



Our Dead.

**"They are gone, but their memory liveth,
They are dead, their example is here;
The sweetness and fragrance it giveth
Will linger for many a year."**

In Memoriam.

Past Grand High Priest
JEREMIAH LALOR HUTCHINSON.

P. M. Lodge No. 71, F. & A. M.
P. H. P. Chapter No. 175, R. A. M.
M. E. G. H. P. 1862-1863.

DIED, JUNE 16th, 1894.

"Among the dead our Brother sleeps ;
His life was rounded true and well,
And love in bitter sorrow weeps
Above the dark and silent cell."



L. H. Smith

M. E. Grand High Priest

1862-1863

In Memoriam.

LUTHER M. FINE.

D. D. G. H. P.

P. M. Lodge No. 152, F. & A. M.

P. H. P. Chapter, No. 173, R. A. M.

DIED, JUNE 16th, 1894.

Rev. LUTHER F. SMITH.

Grand Chaplain.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 166, R. A. M.

DIED, JANUARY 4th, 1894.

Rev. JEREMIAH M. CARVELL,

Grand Chaplain.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 171, R. A. M.

DIED, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1894.

In Memoriam.

EDWARD STRICKLAND.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 52.

DIED, JULY 7th, 1894.

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 91.

DIED, FEBRUARY 27th, 1894.

FREDERICK WHITTLESEY.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 150.

DIED, DECEMBER 5th, 1894.

WILLIAM A. HENRY.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 152.

DIED, JUNE 23d, 1894.

JOSEPH GRAFF.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 162.

DIED, FEBRUARY 21st, 1894.

CHAS. C. BAER.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 162.

DIED, MARCH 28th, 1894.

J. LILOND LYTLE.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 162.

DIED, OCTOBER 16th, 1894.

In Memoriam.

JESSE R. CRAWFORD.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 166.

DIED, NOVEMBER 14th, 1894.

PRESLEY B. O'NEILL.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 169.

DIED, JULY 30th, 1894.

FRANCIS MUHLENBERG.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 169.

DIED, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1894.

WILLIAM E. LINES.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 182.

DIED, NOVEMBER 16th, 1894.

SAMUEL J. DICKEY.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 183.

DIED, JANUARY 4th, 1894.

CHARLES C. DOUGLASS.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 183.

DIED, JANUARY 5th, 1894.

PHILIP J. UMSTEAD.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 183.


DIED, DECEMBER 6th, 1894.



In Memoriam.


EDWARD C. LYNDE.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 185.
DIED, DECEMBER 30th, 1893.



WILLIAM WILLIS.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 186.
DIED, APRIL 5th, 1894.




JOHN DAVIS.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 186.
DIED, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1894.



JACOB C. BLYMYER.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 186.
DIED, NOVEMBER 12th, 1894.



ARTHUR J. HARPER.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 187.
DIED, AUGUST 31st, 1894.



HENRY W. SNYDER.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 189.
DIED, MARCH 24th, 1894.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM W. POTTS.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 196.
DIED, JANUARY 21st, 1894.

JOHN MATTHES.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 197.
DIED, FEBRUARY 1st, 1894.

JOHN KEIM.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 198.
DIED, AUGUST 24th, 1894.

JEREMIAH W. BRICKLEY.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 199.
DIED, MAY 26th, 1894.

NORRIS T. SMITH.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 202.
DIED, JANUARY 20th, 1894.

ENGLEBERT A. SANNER.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 221.
DIED, JANUARY 3d, 1894.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM PATTERSON.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 232.

DIED, JANUARY 15th, 1894.

CYRUS GOSS.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 241.

DIED, FEBRUARY 22d, 1894.

DANIEL S. KELLER.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 241.

DIED, AUGUST 12th, 1894.

DANIEL E. WILSON.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 243.

DIED, DECEMBER 16th, 1894.

ARTHUR THACHER.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 248.

DIED OCTOBER 30th, 1894.

ROBERT P. DECHERT.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 250.

DIED, MAY 12th, 1894.

WILLIAM H. VERMILYEA.

P. H. P. Chapter No. 265.

DIED, JULY 7th, 1894.

Report on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence herewith submits its annual report. In accordance with the method adopted in our jurisdiction a few years ago, the work has been divided among the members of the Committee. The subjoined table shows the author of each review.

Alabama	}	Matthias H. Henderson, P. G. H. P.
Arizona		
Arkansas		
California		
Canada		
Colorado		
Connecticut		
Delaware		
District of Columbia		
England	}	Charles Cary.
Florida		
Georgia		
Illinois		
Indiana		
Indian Territory		
Iowa		
Kansas		
Kentucky		
Louisiana	}	J. Simpson Africa.
Maine		
Maryland		
Massachusetts		
Michigan		
Minnesota		
Mississippi		
Missouri		
Montana		
Nebraska		

Nevada	}	Joshua L. Lyte.
New Brunswick		
New Hampshire		
New Jersey		
New York		
North Carolina		
North Dakota		
Nova Scotia		
Ohio		
Oregon		

Quebec	}	John P. Clark.
Scotland		
South Carolina		
South Dakota		
Tennessee		
Texas		
Vermont		
Virginia		
Washington		
West Virginia		
Wisconsin		

Before we begin the pleasant task of reviewing the proceedings before us, we extend to our Companions of the Correspondence Corps a cordial heartfelt greeting. We trust we will find your ranks unbroken, not a familiar name missing, and that a merciful Providence has vouchsafed to one and all since last we met, health, prosperity and happiness.

In the pages before us we will doubtless find occasions upon which to cross our pens in friendly combat. In such encounters may we never forget that we are Companions, that we have no personal resentments to gratify, no wrongs to avenge; that our only object is to present our views as they seem right to us, and that our only desire and wish is to promote the welfare and extend the beneficent influence of our ancient and honorable fraternity,

In scanning the field of correspondence we observe with pleasure that Capitular Masonry is prosperous over our entire country. It is true there are instances of weak and struggling Chapters, but the great body of the fraternity is growing in numbers and its power for doing good. Mixed with our pleasant reflections are feelings of apprehension lest

the enthusiasm of some of our members may carry them too far, and that losing sight of true Freemasonry they be captivated by those ornamental societies which attach themselves to it and derive their sustenance from it. Mystic Shrines, Chapters of the Eastern Star, Councils of the Red Cross of Constantine, and such like may be good in their place, and we do not wish to be understood as speaking disrespectfully of them or offering any objection to their existence, provided they are estimated at their true value. Outside of Freemasonry and having no connection with it, although attached to it, they must ever be held in inferior estimation if not altogether discarded by the true Mason.

It is a fact sad to relate that some men attracted by showy uniforms and fantastic ceremonies apply to our Lodges and Chapters with no better object than the hope of being able to reach these side institutions and participate in their pilgrimages and other festive occasions. This done they pay no further attention to Masonry than to keep their dues paid, because they must do so in order to retain membership in the bodies of their choice. Such members are no credit to Masonry, nor are they any lasting benefit to the other bodies; surfeited at last with pleasures their interest flags and finally ceases. Having squeezed the lemon they throw away the rind and seek new enjoyments. The true Freemason will find instruction in the principles and teachings of Freemasonry and his interest in it will continue while he lives. We have said these things before and will probably say them again, for we observe that it is only by constant admonition and vigilance that the unwary can be made to avoid the pitfalls that beset their paths.

The Masonic Reviewer is brought in contact with many phases of the Masonic character, and with many questions of law and usage. Some of these are local, affecting only the jurisdiction enacting them; others are more general in their application and their effects are more widespread. Concern-

ing all these we express our opinion and have our say. For what else are we appointed a Committee of Correspondence? By the attrition of mind against mind new ideas are created and new theories are evolved from chaos. Errors are corrected, crudities become refined, and our whole moral nature is benefitted. The old topics sometimes become stale and it is a relief when a new one appears to excite the reviewers.

We have observed that what is popularly termed "The Past Master's degree," is becoming a disturbing element in many of our sister jurisdictions. As it never was a part of our Capitular system, we are only interested so far as the good of the Fraternity outside of our own jurisdiction is concerned. That the subject is under discussion, both in Grand Chapters and the Masonic press, interests us much, for we believe that a calm and sensible consideration of it can have but one result, that of excluding it forever from the Chapter, where it is a usurper and where there is not the shadow of an excuse for retaining it. This has long been a favorite subject with us, a hobby if you like, and we have written and talked much about it. In all we have said we have had the courage of our convictions, no good reasons having yet been advanced for its retention.

The only argument our remarks have drawn forth, and it was more of an excuse for the prevailing custom than an argument, was the statement from a certain reviewer that his Grand Chapter conferred it, "because it was one of the qualifying degrees for the Royal Arch." The rejoinder from Pennsylvania was that the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees were also qualifiers for the Royal Arch, and that the Chapter could with the same consistency assume control of them. This has never elicited a reply, nor do we expect one, for there is none to make. The truth is that Pennsylvania's position in this matter is impregnable, and our friends know it and dare not attack it. Many of them are ready to discard it, but not being free agents by reason of their

allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, cannot do so until it takes the initiative.

A beginning has already been made. One Grand Chapter has adopted the following :

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter hereby memorializes the General Grand Chapter, and urges upon its attention the propriety of surrendering jurisdiction of the Past Master's degree, and that the same be eliminated from the Capitular ritual.”

One reviewer says :

“ We have never entertained a very high regard for the degree as a part of the Capitular system ; think the Chapter would be better off without it than with it, and the sooner it is eliminated from the Capitular system, the sooner will the Royal Craft quiet down and stop the unprofitable discussion over so small a matter.”

Another says :

“ No doubt but that this degree, if it can be so called, belongs solely to the Lodge, and should not form any part of the work of the Chapter.”

A year later another says :

“ We know this Chapter Past Master's degree is no new subject, but it is an important one. We have long felt that the degree did not belong to the Chapter ; that the manner of conferring it was a farce, and an incubus on the Fraternity.”

A special committee on ceremonial to whom was referred the question of abolishing the degree, made the following report, which was adopted.

“ Your Committee are of the opinion that the Past Master's degree (so-called) is a part of Symbolic Masonry, and has no direct relation with the Capitular system, except so far as was rendered necessary by the establishment of Grand Chapters, under which the Royal Arch Degree (which properly belongs to the Symbolic system) is conferred ; and while we do not see the way clear at this time to recommend a radical change in this respect, we cannot but believe that the difficulties which called for the appointment of this Committee could be removed and

consistency better conserved by its restoration to the charge of the Grand Master of Masons."

Here is still another :

"From the best investigation I could make of the subject of the Past Master's degree, I am convinced that it is wrongfully given in our Chapters. It has no historic connection with the other Capitular degrees, and we so tell the candidate when we have, in my opinion, wrongfully conferred it upon him, unless it so be that he has at some time been elected Master of his lodge and not properly installed or regularly seated in the Oriental chair. The degree is of right a Lodge degree, and should be under their control, or under the control of the Grand Lodges, and should not be conferred unless by authority of a Lodge or Grand Lodge. In fact such is the case, only where the so-called General Grand Chapter exercises jurisdiction. At least I so understand it, and am sure that in England and the Provinces, as well as in Pennsylvania in this country, this is the rule. Now my suggestion is for this Grand Chapter to adopt the Pennsylvania rule in reference to this degree."

Another makes the suggestion that the degree

"be put on the same standing as regards the Lodge that the High Priesthood is in regard to the Chapter, for we see no more reason why the Chapter should give the Past Master than a Commandery the High Priesthood.

No two of the above quotations are taken from the same jurisdiction. Each voices the opinion of a separate and individual writer, showing that the dissatisfaction in regard to the prevailing method of using the degree is not confined to any particular jurisdiction or locality, but is wide spread and constantly increasing.

We have no idea what action the General Grand Chapter will take on this question, and whatever it may do will not affect us. The only interest we feel in their action is the effect it will have on what we consider an inconsistency prevailing outside of our own jurisdiction. The degree belongs to the Symbolic not the Capitular system, and the Grand Lodge is its proper custodian. Without wishing to dictate, may we suggest that as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

has found a way to supply the chapters with all the material they need, while still retaining control of the degree, that the same or some similar plan might be adopted by other Grand Lodges? We are confident there is not a Grand Lodge in existence which has not the welfare of its respective Grand Chapter at heart, and that would not do anything it could do within the landmarks to further that welfare. The first action must come from the Grand Chapters. Let them repudiate the abortion they are now fostering. Then let the Grand Lodges assume control of the legitimate degree which belongs to them, and by whatever means they deem best give those brethren the use of it who desire to advance. Thus will consistency be preserved and this vexed question be settled.

Time sets all things straight, and that some day in the future the good sense of our esteemed companions will prevail, we confidently believe.

With these words of introduction we will proceed to our report.

M. H. H.

ALABAMA.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Communication was held at Montgomery December 4, 1893

M. E. Comp John A. McKinnon, G. H. P., presiding.

In his annual address he extended to each Companion present a cordial greeting and congratulated them in being blessed with strength, health, and an inclination to meet at that time, to review the past, improve the present, legislate for the future, and cultivate that social intercourse so essential to loving attachment for each other.

He announces in fitting words the death of Companion Henry Clay Wiley, Deputy Grand High Priest, which occurred April 4, 1893, and Companion Joseph H. Johnson, P.G.H.P., which took place May 5, 1893.

He did a good deal in the dispensation way, among others granting three to as many Chapters to receive petitions, ballot for and confer the degrees at the same meeting. He gives the following reason for doing so.

“In every instance, where special dispensations have been granted for conferring the degrees out of the usual time, the Chairman of the Committee on Work, Companion H. Clay Armstrong, was present, and assisted in the work; and it was with the view of enabling the companions to take advantage of such opportunity, to improve and perfect themselves in the work of the Grand Chapter; and from information received from these Chapters, I am sure that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry have been promoted by granting the above dispensations.”

He reports that Royal Arch Masonry is prosperous in his jurisdiction, that a greater interest is now felt and manifested in the work of the Chapters than there has been for several years. He does not report any visitations, that duty apparently having been performed by the Grand Secretary, Companion H. Clay Armstrong.

The Grand Chapter recently amended its Constitution changing its time of meeting to the day preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Its place of meeting is at Montgomery. Another amendment was offered, that the place of meeting be selected by the Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe. The committee to whom the amendment was referred reported adversely to its adoption, and said among other things, that such change would necessarily separate the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and multiply the expenses of delegates attending those bodies, that they had no assurance that at other places they could be furnished with so suitable a building as the one now in use, and that a circulating Grand Chapter could have no safe abiding place for its Grand Secretary and its records. This report was concurred in, as we think it should have been.

Companion Palmer Job Pillans presents his twenty-seventh annual report on correspondence. It is not as extended as some that he has written, for which he gives two reasons; one is that many proceedings have not been received, and the other that great effort was made, as he proceeded, to keep within very straitened limits, that the draft upon the Treasury for publication might be as little as possible. Our Companions of Alabama are husbanding their resources for the laudable purpose of establishing a Home for the indigent and the orphans. Even though thus handicapped he presents a report which contains much of interest. Pennsylvania is missing, much to our regret.

In reviewing California he says:

“We doubt the laws of California, touching membership in a Lodge

being necessary to membership in a Chapter, to be good and 'founded on justice,' and we believe that it will yet be productive of evil, for we think that the knowledge that the applicant for the Capitular Degrees must, after he obtains them, still retain his membership in the Lodge, would deter many from applying. Nor do we see why the Chapter should be constituted the guardian of the Lodges."

We dissent entirely from the above. We do not think that anyone who would be deterred from petitioning the Chapter because he would also be required to maintain his lodge membership would be a desirable member under any circumstances. Nor will we admit that the Chapter is in any sense the guardian of the Lodge. No more complete refutation of such a statement can be made than the fact that while the Lodge can exist without the Chapter, the latter cannot exist without the former. Which then we ask is the guardian, and which the ward?

In the appendix is a long list of names of Companions suspended for non-payment of dues. In a former report we condemned this practice at some length and repeat now all we said then. We do not think any Grand Chapter has the right to publish to the reading public the names of those who, through misfortune perhaps, have incurred their censure.

Even worse is publishing the names of rejected applicants. Alabama does this, giving name, Chapter, and date. What right have they to stigmatize in public those who, perhaps, are better men than they who black-balled them?

As long ago as March 4, 1833, the Grand Logde of Pennsylvania adopted the following:

"On motion made and seconded it was *Resolved*, That the usual annual publication of suspensions, expulsions and rejections by the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and those communicated by other Grand Lodges, be suspended for the past year."

It has never been resumed, and we feel safe in saying never will be. Our Grand Chapter follows the same usage.

CANADA.

The proceedings of no Grand Chapter come to us with more regularity than those of Canada.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Hamilton, July 20, 1894. M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Grand

Z., presiding. In his address he welcomes the assembled companions, and states that the Grand Chapter was organized in Hamilton, January 20, 1857, by sixteen companions, representing three chapters; that of the participants in this interesting event, but one, M. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, is still among them.

He was not called upon to give any decision of sufficient importance to require a report. In every case submitted the By-Laws of the Chapter or the Constitution settled the point raised. He reports visitations to nine chapters, all of which he found in good condition. He reports Chapters of instruction established in eleven of the fourteen districts, and says he found in all of them increased interest and enthusiasm in the work of the Royal Craft, and an earnest desire to advance the prosperity and usefulness of the Order. He says the new ritual has been printed and placed in the hands of the proper officers of the chapters, and has been a great benefit. We are so old fashioned in Pennsylvania that we believe that the precept that the work shall not be printed or written, which precept is as old as any landmark we have, should be respected, and no matter how far we progress in Freemasonry we cannot forget the admonition we received at its threshold.

The finances are good. They have an invested fund of \$17,000, and cash in bank to the amount of \$4,708.67. He granted twenty-nine dispensations, one of which was to attend a ball in Royal Arch clothing. He closes with some good advice, admonishing them never to elect or appoint an officer in their chapters except under a firm conviction that he is both able and willing to fully and faithfully perform his duty, and when assembled to elect their Grand Superintendents, to elect only well-skilled brethren, full of Masonic enthusiasm and a desire to advance the welfare of the Royal Craft.

The Grand Superintendents of the fourteen districts made reports which are printed in full. They refer to local matters, and are not of interest to the general reader. The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry says, concerning these reports—

“While the reports of the various Superintendents contain much valuable information respecting the account of the visits to the various chapters in their respective districts, they all, with a few exceptions, have dealt in generalities, and have been deficient in many details as to the financial standing, outstanding dues, insurance, amount of work

done in the chapters and by the various officers—all of which is necessary to allow your Committee to report on state and condition of chapters in an intelligent and as full a manner as will enable the members of Grand Chapter to judge of the true condition of affairs.”

Companion Henry Robertson presents his Twenty-seventh Report on Correspondence, and reviews Pennsylvania proceedings of 1892-3. In response to an inquiry of ours, he says:

“Our opinion as to the Past Master’s degree is that it belongs to the Lodge and is entirely out of place in the Chapter, whence it should be abolished.”

He quotes Companion Meyer on the subject of marks, with whom he thoroughly agrees, and says:

“We might add to the foregoing that the mark of a Mark Master Mason should be composed of straight lines, and should contain an *odd* number of points. The ends of lines and intersections of lines are points. Thus the gothic letter **A** has five points and is a proper mark, while the gothic letter **N** has four points and would be the mark of an apprentice and not of a master workman nor of a Mark Master.”

We quote the foregoing for the information of our readers. When Masonry was operative, a mark composed of straight lines, and points was no doubt best because it could be quickly executed and required no special artistic skill in its portrayal. But now, when Masonry has lost its operative character and has become a speculative science, and the brethren are not required to reproduce their marks upon their own handiwork, we think they may be allowed more latitude. We agree with Companion Meyer that a reproduction of the Washington Monument or the Columbian Exposition is too elaborate, but there is a happy medium which can be observed with good effect. Our own mark is a right hand clutching five arrows. We admired the design and as we are not obliged to indent it on everything we make, it suits our purpose quite as well and is more pleasing to our eye than if it was composed of straight lines and points exclusively.

He quotes our remarks on physical perfection, and the practice of publishing the names of suspended companions, without comment, and we do not know whether he agrees with us or not, which is a disappointment. The object of a report on correspondence is not merely to make extracts but to discuss them after they are made. If we agree with what a com-

panion says, compliment him by saying so. If we do not agree with him, give our reasons for such disagreement and perhaps win him to our side. We like a man who talks back. What would these reports be worth if we did not say what we think about such subjects as come under our observation?

He quotes Companion Africa on the subject of incorporation, and says his position appears to him to be perfectly unassailable. The address of M. E. G. H. P. Tennis he speaks of as excellent, and makes a liberal extract from it.

They permit dual membership in Canada. We do not permit it because we can conceive of no necessity for it or advantage in it, and because we think it might at times interfere seriously with Masonic duties. If a companion in Canada who belonged to two Chapters was summoned by each to appear before it at the same time, how would he divide himself so as to obey each summons?

The volume of proceedings is badly printed, many typographical errors appearing, indicating careless proof-reading.

COLORADO.

The Twentieth Annual Convocation was held in Denver, September, 1894. Companion Henry T. West, G. H. P., presiding.

In his address he says that while the angel of death has been busy, and has cut down many of their companions throughout the State and Nation, they as a Grand Body were wonderfully spared, so that he was able to report, as his predecessors have done for eighteen years, that he has not touched a single officer of the Grand Chapter.

Among the illustrious dead of other grand jurisdictions he mentions our P. G. H. P. Augustus R. Hall.

He constituted two Chapters in person and one by proxy.

Among other dispensations he granted one to Chapter No. 27, to install its officers in public, which we in Pennsylvania do not think a proper thing to do.

He refused to approve a by-law submitted by Chapter No. 2, providing that two years' dues should accompany a petition for affiliation, in which he was clearly right, as their Grand Chapter by-law No. 46 says that no Chapter shall collect a fee for affiliation. It is evident that the members of Chapter No.

2 tried to whip his Satanic Majesty around the stump by collecting a sum which they called dues instead of fees. Concerning the payment or non-payment of a fee by those who apply for membership a great deal can be said on both sides. Against the payment it can be urged that when a companion has paid the required fee for exaltation and membership in one Chapter and afterwards desires to join another, that he should not be required to pay again for the privilege, the payment of dues being all that should be asked of him.

On the other hand it is said with much truth that a Chapter in admitting a new member assumes a certain amount of responsibility for him. He may become sick and be a pecuniary charge upon the Chapter, or he may neglect to pay his dues, and for such contingencies the Chapter should be to some extent indemnified by the collection of a fee. Personally we have been inclined to admit them without a fee for the reason first quoted, but we would be glad to hear what our fellow reporters have to say on the subject, and will read their comments with interest.

Comp. West made a fine record in visitations. He visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction (thirty-one in all) and to the best of his ability instructed the Companions in the Royal Art. These visitations consumed fifty-six days, and required more than four thousand miles of travel. He believes it was time well spent, and that much good was done, which we do not doubt. Nothing will more encourage the members of a Chapter who are disposed to do what is right than a visit from their Grand High Priest, who by timely advice and fraternal addresses assures them of his interest in their affairs. Comp. West seems to have done his whole duty in this respect.

He attended the Twenty-ninth Convocation of the General Grand Chapter and returned home disappointed that more was not done for the general benefit of the Craft, though he was glad he went, for it enabled him to meet many great lights of our Order.

We could not repress a smile as we read the above, for it gives in few words the correct status of the General Grand Chapter. It does little for the general good of the Craft, because it has not the power to do much, nor can it put in practice the little it is able to do. It is merely an association of Royal Arch Masons, many of whom are of great learning and renown, who meet together at stated times, exchange

friendly greetings, talk over masonic matters, elect officers, and having been wined and dined, and shown the sights of the city, they go home with pleasant recollections of the trip, and imagining that they have been legislating for the good of the Craft.

In closing his address, Companion West alludes to his three score and ten years and says :

“I love our noble Fraternity ; I love all the members thereof ; and in concluding what seems to be the end of my active Masonic labors, I can find no better language than that used by the High Priests of old to the children of Israel :”

“ ‘The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.’ ”

Past Grand High Priest O. H. Henry for the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, reported verbally that the Committee could not find anything to do, which speaks volumes for the peace and harmony of the Craft.

To show how little authority the General Grand Chapter has over its constituents, listen to this :

P. G. H. Priest Foster (29) offered the following, which was adopted :

Whereas, At the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter the ritual of the General Grand Chapter was adopted without the Committee on Jurisprudence having had sufficient time to thoroughly examine it as expressed in their report, therefore

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed with authority, if deemed necessary by them, to revise and prepare a ritual for the use of this Grand Jurisdiction, which when approved by the Grand Council, shall be the authorized work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

BYRON L. CARR.

W. T. BRIDWELL,

ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER.

The Report on Correspondence is again by Comp. E. L. N. Foster, and is very complete, as he reviews every Grand Chapter in North America.

In his review of Pennsylvania for 1893, he says that Grand High Priest Tennis made a decision as to the correct position of the altar, setting forth his reasons for such decision in a very clear and interesting manner, from which we infer that he agrees with Comp. Tennis.

He speaks kindly of our review and agrees with us in our comments on the use of the word "team."

He also agrees with Comp. Africa in his remarks on service in subordinate offices before elevation to the highest in the Craft, and in his remarks on free suffrage.

He further says that there are numerous other things in the report which he had marked as interesting, but having exceeded the usual space he refrained from quoting and advised his companions to read it for themselves as it would afford them a few hours of pleasant study.

He closes his report by saying that no new subjects seem to engross the attention of the Masonic world. He notices with pleasure a growing disposition to publish portraits of presiding officers, and says it is probably the most lasting tribute of appreciation that could be given, as it makes their features known throughout the caputular world, and we all like to form some idea of the looks of those we read about.

We like Colorado. The companions of that Grand Jurisdiction have the true spirit. They estimate their masonic privileges at their true value, and have a proper conception of their masonic duties. Their proceedings always contain a great deal that interests us, and with the exception of a public installation now and then, and such expressions as "Rustlers for grub," and "Did themselves proud," we find little to find fault with. When we are obliged to criticise, our strictures are accepted in such a kindly spirit that we are disarmed and almost wish we had not made them.

As we write these lines the sun is setting on the last day of 1894, and following its course we look toward the west to our distant companions of Colorado, and wish them all a happy new year and many of them.

CONNECTICUT.

The Ninety-Sixth Annual Convocation was held in Hartford, May 8, 1894. M. E. Samuel Bassett, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Out of thirty-eight Chapters, thirty seven were represented, a good record.

The Grand High Priest made a brief address occupying a few lines more than two pages of the large type in which the volume is printed. He opens by welcoming the assembled

companions, recognizing the protecting care of our kind and loving Father, who had not seen fit to remove a single past or present Grand Officer during the preceding year. He reports two visitations made, four dispensations granted, a few representatives appointed, and closes by thanking the Grand Chapter for the honors conferred upon him, and assuring it that his interest in it will continue without abatement.

They have a method of making grand visitations which does not comport with our idea of the manner in which such things should be done. The jurisdiction is divided among the first four elective grand officers, assigning two of them ten chapters each, and two nine each. This assignment carries little weight with it, for these officers do not seem to consider themselves at liberty to visit and inspect a chapter unless invited to do so by the chapter itself. We commented on this singular custom in a former report, and now will say further. Each officer made a report of visitations made. The Grand High Priest reports two, and regretted that circumstances prevented him from accepting other kind invitations received.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reports that only two of the chapters assigned to him wanted to see him bad enough to invite him to call on them, and one of these invitations he was unable to accept.

The Grand King made but one visitation. He received other invitations and would have accepted them but the advent of an addition to his family so disturbed him that he was unable to give any attention to Masonry during the remainder of the year. We have heard all manner of excuses offered for a failure to discharge Masonic duties, but we never before knew the blame to be placed on a new baby. Having said so much, he should have said more and told us whether it was a girl or a boy. He does not even say whether or not it was the first, but we judge it was. After the first a fellow becomes used to it, and is not so easily thrown off his balance.

A change has come over the order of things,
We scarcely know what we're about
The usual drift has appeared to take wings
And pushed our authority out;
No wonder we feel ourselves quite in the shade,
And completely upset, in a way,
The house has a ruler who must be obeyed—
The baby who came yesterday.

His rule is supreme, and we bend to its law,
And respond to his every call ;
Just now our convenience is not worth a straw,
In fact, we're not in it at all ;
We hurry at times, when his will orders so ;
At others, keep still as a mouse ;
And willing we are that the whole world should know
The baby is lord of the house.

The above is not original, but seems to fit the case.

The Grand Scribe is facetious ; we would remind him that lapses of grammar, even when intentional, are not witticisms, and that the statement that his entertainers in their kindness desired to give him "two spoonfuls of molasses in his T," adds nothing to the dignity of a masonic report. He visited two Chapters. In one he had misgivings whether they would be able to receive him in a manner becoming his high station, but found his fears were groundless, for they had called to their aid the officers of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and by their assistance his reception was a complete success. In the other he both *saw* and *heard*—italics his—their work in the Royal Arch degree, which was performed with all the variations in a very enthusiastic manner. "Variations" makes us think of innovations, and "enthusiastic manner" leads us to suspect a hilarious time. He says that a certain High Priest showed timidity in his work, which he thinks was probably occasioned by the fact that it was his first attempt, and also by his being aware that his eagle eye was upon him. Instead of being an eagle he must be akin to the basilisk, the glance of which the ancient poets imagined produced death. Be careful with that eagle eye, Companion. If recklessly used it might hurt some one, even if it did not produce fatal results

The financial condition is good ; the receipts, exceeding the disbursements, \$679 67. The trustees report an invested fund of \$651.23, being an increase over the previous year of \$25.26.

The Committee on Grievance reported that universal peace and harmony prevailed, and that no business had been presented to them.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted :

"*Resolved*, That no Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, of thirty years good and regular standing, shall be subject to discipline for non-payment of dues ; and no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be required to pay a *per capita* tax to the Grand Chapter upon any of its members

who have been thirty years in good and regular standing, or who have left the jurisdiction and not been heard from for five preceding years. All resolutions inconsistent with the above are repealed."

This is in effect an exemption from payment of Chapter and Grand Chapter dues of those who paid regularly and had been otherwise in good standing for thirty years, and we believe is a good law. When a companion has faithfully complied with the By-Laws of his Chapter for that period we think he has earned exemption, and that it should be accorded to him. The number who can show such a record is comparatively small, and their dues would not be a heavy loss to the bodies which thus honor them.

The business of the Grand Chapter was of a routine character, and consisted of reports of committees, election and installation of officers, and appointments by the new Grand High Priest.

The Report on Correspondence is again by Past Grand High Priest, John H. Barlow. He reviews forty nine grand jurisdictions, some of them very briefly. The entire report is largely made up of extracts. Concerning this a reviewer says:

Companion Barlow has the happy faculty of avoiding the discussion of the topics mentioned in the proceedings he reviews, giving the work done by the various Grand Chapters without comment."

To which Companion Barlow responds:

"We have, in former years, expressed our opinion on all the topics mentioned, and dislike to repeat them so often."

Companion B., must not forget that new topics are continually presenting themselves, and that our membership is constantly changing; the old drop out and new ones step forward, many of whom are ignorant of Masonic law and methods, and the only way to enlighten them is to place the facts with our observations thereon before them. Knowledge can only be disseminated by constant reiteration. We sometimes forget what we hear but once or twice, and some of us must have Masonic precepts frequently applied and well rubbed in to make them take root and be effective. Do not be afraid to say what you think Companion Barlow, and say it often.

We are glad to notice the appearance of Pennsylvania after

an absence of several years. Our proceedings for 1892 are reviewed. He speaks of Grand High Priest Tennis' address as an able one, and makes an extract from it concerning the benefits to be derived from making meetings interesting where no work is to be done. He also seems to be satisfied with our review of his Grand Chapter.

He quotes Companion Africa's remarks concerning public installations and the presence of the charter, in his review of Missouri, and says:

"From our experience we are compelled to disagree, and think that an occasional public installation, properly conducted, is beneficial in its results. This leads us to inquire as to masonic burials. Are they allowed in this jurisdiction? If so, they must necessarily be in the presence of the profane. In regard to the necessity of the actual presence of the charter, we are in full agreement."

In Pennsylvania a Royal Arch Mason cannot be buried as such. We have no form for such a service. If a companion is buried masonically, it is done by the Lodge of which he died a member, and, of course, is in the presence of the profane. But there is a wide difference between a public installation and a masonic funeral. The one is masonic work and the other is not. The one can only be performed within tiled precincts, the other can be done anywhere.

He closes his report with sad reflections that Companions Brown, Patton and Innes with whom he had been associated in annual report these many years had close life's labors, and that of those who were writing when he began in 1878 so few are left. Such is life, my companion. May many happy years be yet vouchsafed to you.

Since the above was written we learn through the public journals that Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, for many years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Connecticut, has answered the summons which sooner or later comes to all who are mortal. Though unacquainted with him, we had learned to honor and respect him and shall miss his name from the proceedings where it has so long been honorably borne. We trust he deserved the rewards of a well spent life and pray God to have mercy upon him and receive him into His holy kingdom.

DELAWARE.

The Twenty sixth Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, January 17, 1894.

M. E. Companion George W. Andrews Grand High Priest presiding.

The four Chapters of the jurisdiction were all represented.

The Grand High Priest devoutly opened his address as follows:

“By the blessing and wisdom of the Supreme High Priest of the Universe we are again permitted to meet in Annual Convocation. It is with feelings of unfeigned pleasure that I can announce to you that we do so with unbroken ranks, for while the grim destroyer has entered the homes of many of our sister Jurisdictions and taken therefrom many loved companions, the great Jehovah before whom we all bow, has seen fit in His blessed wisdom to save us the pang of parting from loved ones and may it be our earnest prayer that the same blessing abide with us for many years. Let us, therefore, in offering our thanks for these mercies forget not to extend our sympathies to those of our sister Jurisdictions whose portals have been entered by the Grim Reaper.”

He announces the death among others of our Past Grand High Priest, Augustus R. Hall.

Concerning the condition of the craft, he says:

“I find the growth of our subordinate Chapters has been a healthy, if not a large one. Coming in close contact as I have with many and considering the great financial depression which has fallen upon industries of every kind throughout the country during the past year, the progress and increase of membership of our subordinate Chapters may, it seems to me, be deemed a subject of congratulation.”

At their previous convocation it was deemed wise and expedient to present their Past Grand High Priests with jewels. They were procured and presented to eight recipients.

He made the following recommendation:

“As we have passed the quarter-century mark, the time has arrived when, in my judgment, some action should be taken looking to the procurement of the portraits of our Past Grand High Priests. While the most of us are familiar with the faces of those who have so acceptably filled the exalted station, the time is rapidly approaching when a new generation will be at the helm. Death, which has already entered our ranks, will continue on its mighty march and make a task which is now comparatively easy an impossibility.

We have done this for many years. As our Grand High

Priests go out of office their portraits are procured at the expense of the Grand Chapter, and we are in possession of a gallery of them which are among our most valued treasures. He made two decisions which were in harmony with established Masonic law.

He recommended that Mark Master Masons be required to adopt and record their marks before receiving the Past Master's degree, and that the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales be recognized.

The Committee to whom the address was referred recommended that his decisions be approved and that his recommendations in regard to portraits, recording of marks, and the recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales be also approved, and that representatives be exchanged with the latter, which report was adopted.

We cannot agree with our Companions in their recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales. We made a report on this subject which will be found in this volume. We believe it lacks the first and most essential attribute of a Grand Body.

Among the standing resolutions is the following, which was adopted January 18, 1882:

"Resolved, That in all future publications of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, the appended list containing names of Companions who have been suspended or expelled during the year, be omitted from the returns of subordinate Chapters."

We have always condemned such publications as unnecessary, un-Masonic and un-charitable and productive of harm instead of serving any good purpose. We will never be obliged to criticise the Grand Chapter of Delaware in this respect and we wish there were more like it.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Virginius V. Harrison. When he comes to Pennsylvania for 1892 he says,

"The jurisdiction is divided into eight districts, each district being under the supervision of a District Deputy Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest having the personal supervision of the County of Philadelphia."

Last year we corrected Comp. Davies, of California, for making a similar statement, telling him his pen had slipped, that he meant to write twenty-two instead of eight. Now here

comes another man who says the same thing. When two Companions who are so far apart geographically that it is not probable there has been any consultation between them make the same statement, one would naturally think they must have good authority for it. We referred to our proceedings for 1892 and on page 52 we find the following:

"The County of Philadelphia will be under the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Edgar A. Tennis.

"Comp. M. E. Grand Scribe Richard M. Johnson for County of Chester."

Then follows a list of twenty Companions who are appointed District Deputy Grand High Priests, each with a number of counties assigned to him. These twenty districts with the two assigned to the Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe make a total of twenty two districts into which the jurisdiction is divided, and we cannot find between the two lids of that book, any statement, reference, or allusion, either direct or indirect, which would warrant the assertion that we have only eight districts.

Now this is but a trifle, which does not involve any question of Masonic law, usage, or custom, but our curiosity is aroused and we ask Comps. Davies and Harrison to tell us in their next reports where they find their authority for but eight districts.

Comp. Harrison quotes Grand High Priest Morgan's decision that officers re-elected must be again installed, and says it is contrary to practice in most jurisdictions, that if an officer is obligated to perform the duties of any office until his successor is elected and installed, he fails to see why the first installation is not binding for all time, so long as he succeeds himself.

If all officers were as he says obligated to serve until their successors are elected and installed, his criticism would be just, but they are not all so obligated. In Pennsylvania they are obligated to serve during the year for which they are elected, and when re-elected they must be again installed.

He says our Report on Correspondence is a very good one, and is satisfied with what we said about Delaware.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Washington, Decem-

ber 12, 1894. Comp. George H. Walker, Grand High Priest, presided, and delivered an address. He devotes considerable space to the Twenty-ninth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held at Topeka, Kansas, in August, 1894. There are exactly two pages given to this subject. He tells of the receptions, banquets and excursions which were arranged for them, in all of which he seems to have participated and has nothing but words of praise for the Companions of Topeka and their ladies for the successful efforts they put forth to make glad the hearts of their visitors. He recites the names of the newly-elected officers, and states that Baltimore was selected as the next meeting place, because it was near to Washington; a very left-handed compliment for Baltimore. He intimates that they must prepare to return the courtesies received.

To the business of the General Grand Chapter, the meeting which took them to Topeka, the sun around which the receptions, banquets, excursions, etc., should have revolved as planets, he devotes exactly twenty words, as follows: "There was little in the way of legislation by the General Grand Chapter, which demands special comment at this time." We do not find fault with Comp. Walker for this. We do not doubt that his twenty words comprised all that anybody could have said concerning the business transacted by the General Grand Chapter. We do not doubt that the importance of the social features of the meeting, and the business done, are in exact proportion to the space he has devoted to their description.

He reports a case involving jurisdiction. Bro. John J. Townsend petitioned Chapter No. 2 of Washington, D. C., for the degrees and membership and was approved and paid the required fee. Before receiving the degrees his business called him to Portsmouth, Va., where he was detained for some time. While he was there Chapter No. 2 requested Chapter No. 11, of Portsmouth, to confer the degrees upon him for them which they did, collecting the fee again, which was subsequently returned. A long discussion ensued to determine whose member he was, which, so far as we can discover is not settled yet. Comp. Walker states in one of his letters that it is a common thing in Lodges, Chapters, etc., in the District of Columbia to confer degrees at the request of foreign Lodges, Chapters, etc., and in no instance, so far as he could learn, has any charge ever been made for the same, and like courtesies

have been returned by Brethren and Companions of other jurisdictions. Our advice would be to stop all such transactions. Pennsylvania Chapters are not permitted to confer degrees on any but their own members, nor are they allowed to ask any Chapter to do their work for them. We save ourselves a great deal of trouble by attending to our own business.

He reports that he visited each Chapter in the jurisdiction (ten in all), some of them more than once, that all were well attended and the exercises were of a character long to be remembered by all who were so fortunate as to be present.

The Committee on Grievance reported that there had been no occasion to hold a formal meeting during the year, which speaks well for the harmony of the jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. William R. Singleton. He sustains a certain Grand Chapter in their refusal to approve a by-law offered by one of their constituents exempting Companions from dues who have paid for fifteen years, and says:

"This we consider very proper. It has been well settled, we think, by experience, that such action works to the disadvantage of any body, unless there is made a sinking fund sufficiently large the interest of which will meet the emergencies which may arise in future, Life membership works well where such a fund has been properly provided for and secured. We do not think that the continued payment of annual dues for any length of time makes a claim for relinquishment of dues. The members paying dues are simply paying for the conveniences and advantages of membership annually, which have to be provided for the proper working of the Lodge or Chapter. Moreover it is our common human nature, from which we cannot divest ourselves, that we value more highly those privileges which cost us the most. Let us look at our fraternity where degrees are conferred gratuitously upon clergymen and others; do we not find it a general rule that such gratuities are not valued as they should be, and a general supineness ensues, so that we rarely see such members attend the meetings of the bodies? and we long since came to the conclusion, as above stated, 'We value those things most upon which we have bestowed the most money.'"

We think differently. We think the time specified too short, but after a Companion has paid regularly and been in good standing continuously for say twenty five years that he has earned exemption, and that it is a graceful and deserved compliment to accord it to him. The number thus benefitted would be small and after being faithful for so long we do not believe they would lose interest because their companions had appreciated their constancy. Does Companion Singleton

think that when a man accepts a pass on a railroad that he rides less frequently than he would if he paid his fare? Does he consider his privileges valueless because they cost him nothing?

He reviews Pennsylvania for 1893, making many extracts, but no criticisms. We presume he thinks we are all right. Speaking of our report he says:

"The District of Columbia was assigned to Comp. Matthias H. Henderson, P. G. H. P., but does not appear to have been reviewed. We presume the proceedings had not been received."

He is correct in his presumption. We received nothing for 1893.

Our Companions publish the names of those unfortunates whom they find it necessary to suspend for non payment of dues, which we think is a most reprehensible practice and a liberty with a Companion's name which they have no right to take.

ENGLAND.

A Quarterly Convocation of the "Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England" was holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday 7th, November, 1894, with M. E. Comp. Wm. Wither Bramston Beach, M. P., Grand J. and Grand Superintendent for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, as Grand Z.

The Grand Chapter was opened in "Ancient and Solemn Form."

The Report of the Committee on General Purposes was taken as read. On recommendation of the Committee, charters were granted for four chapters to be attached to Lodges in England; one at Jullundur, in the Punjab, and two in Queensland, Australia. Two chapters were summoned to show cause why they should not be "formally erased," and Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, in reply to a similar summons, stated that there was a probability of the chapter being resuscitated; whereupon it was resolved that the consideration of this case be deferred until the next meeting of Grand Chapter.

All business being concluded, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ancient and Solemn Form.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is Grand Z., and Edward Letchworth, F. S. A., is Grand Scribe E.

ENGLAND—GRAND MARK LODGE.

The full style and title of this Grand Body is the "Grand Lodge of Mark, Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown."

Quarterly Communications were held at Mark, Masons' Hall, London, on 5th September, 1893; 5th December, 1893; 6th March, 1894; and 5th June, 1894. M. W., the Earl of Euston, Pro. Grand Master, presiding at all except the December Communication, when we note M. W., W. W. B. Beach, M. P., Past Grand Master, *as* Grand Master.

At the opening of the September Communication, the Earl of Euston moved an address of "hearty and loyal congratulation" to His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K. G., &c., &c., &c., M. W. Grand Master, "on the occasion of the auspicious marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York," wishing that they "may enjoy many years of wedded happiness, health and prosperity." The motion being seconded by R. W. Brother, Viscount Dungarven, Deputy Grand Master, was put and carried unanimously. To this address His Royal Highness sent gracious reply, which was read by the Grand Secretary at the December Communication, and entered on the minutes.

The General Board, which appears to be partly elected and partly nominated by the M. W. Grand Master, has supervision and arrangement of the business of the Grand Lodge, with disbursement of the Fund of Benevolence, etc., issues warrants for new Lodges, "detains" and restores warrants, "admonishes" Masters and Secretaries, and appears to be the virtual governing power. It, however, reports its proceedings at the Quarterly Communication, which Reports are "taken as read, and ordered to be received and spread on the minutes."

The Mark Benevolent Fund is divided into the Benevolent, Educational and Annuity Branches, and all donations and subscriptions are apportioned equally between the three objects. An annual festival is held, and the General Board grants annuities to necessitous brethren and the widows of brethren; be-

side providing for the education of a number of boys and girls in London and elsewhere.

The "Portal Memorial Organ"—funds for which were liberally subscribed—has been completed and is placed in Mark Masons' Hall, as an *in memoriam* to the late lamented Past Grand Master Portal, who worked very worthily and very zealously for Mark Masonry.

The Brethren of Warwickshire presented to the Grand Lodge, a portrait of the Marquess of Hertford, Past Grand Master, who was Pro. Grand Master when the hall was dedicated to Mark Masonry. A vote of thanks for the same was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Berridge, who retired after seventeen years of service in the high office of Grand Director of Ceremonies, the duties of which he says he is now unable to fulfil, was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his services; as was also W. Brother R. Loveland-Loveland, "for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year."

The Board reports, with great regret, the death of the R. W. Prov. Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmoreland, the Right Honorable the Earl of Bective; and of the R. W. Prov. Grand Master for Monmouth, Capt. S. G. Homfray.

Irregularities appear in the election and installation of Masters in some Lodges. Complaints for same were made to the General Board, by whom the Lodges were admonished, censured and fined, and in one case the election and installation were "cancelled."

So much interested have we been in reading these Proceedings that we feel an almost irresistible inclination to quote them in their entirety for the information of our companions, that they may know how our English Brethren conduct the affairs of their Grand Mark Lodge, and distribute its generous charities.

H. R. H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was unanimously re-elected M. W. Grand Master, and R. Turtle Pigott, D. C. L., was elected V. W. Grand Treasurer; the remaining officers being appointed by the Grand Master, R. W. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P. G. W., continues as Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1894.

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation convened in Masonic Temple, Chicago, October 25, 1894. M. E. Comp. J. W. Hutchinson, Grand High Priest, presiding, and all the Grand Officers in their stations. There were present eighteen Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of forty-two Grand Jurisdictions, and one hundred and seventy-one subordinate Chapters; a record hard to equal, and showing devotion worthy of imitation.

The Jurisdiction is divided into nine districts for visitation, of which one is assigned to each Grand Officer from the Deputy Grand High Priest to the Grand Master of the First Veil. Each of these presented a report, as did also the Grand Lecturer, to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who visited twelve Chapters in person during the year.

On his visit to Aurora Chapter he states that "the Royal Arch degree was conferred in fine style upon a team, in which there were a state senator, a minister of the gospel, and another brother. After the labor was completed the craft were summoned to refreshment in the adjoining banquet hall, where, through the indefatigable labors of our host, M. E. Comp. C. H. Plimpton, and his corps of officers, every one was made to feel welcome and entirely at home. It was an occasion long to be remembered with pleasure by all who participated."

Again that word "team" which we had fondly hoped was obliterated from the Royal Arch vocabulary. But what a "team" was this! led off, doubtless, by the state senator, with "another Brother" as wheel horse, and the minister of the gospel to keep them steady.

Among the decisions reported by the M. E. Grand High Priest we find

"No. 2.—That it is the duty of the High Priest to open and close his Chapter in the full form prescribed by the ritual, in conformity with the Grand Chapter by-laws, except in cases of emergency."

Which appears to be a decision which does not decide. Why not make it positive, or state wherein the emergency may consist? It would appear that the High Priest would be the only competent judge on that point; or in other words

that it is his *duty* to open and close in full form, when he shall *see fit to do so*.

Past Grand High Priest Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, was present at the Convocation, where he received a hearty welcome and fraternal greeting, to which he responded in his usual happy style.

The customary jewel of a Past Grand High Priest was presented to M. E. Comp. J. W. Hutchinson by M. E. Comp. Loyal L. Munn. The address of presentation and of acceptance were of the best,—short but comprehensive.

The finances of the Grand Chapter appear to be in most satisfactory condition, showing cash and bonds on hand of over \$20,000.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter are printed with the Proceedings, and we note a few points wherein they differ materially from the Pennsylvania Law.

SEC. 7. A petition can be received and referred at any stated convocation; report of committee can, or may, be made at same convocation, and ballot spread, and if the result be favorable, work can at once commence, provided this is not in conflict with the By-Laws of the Chapter.

a. A majority report may be received from the investigating committee.

SEC. 10. A petition for membership is not required to be an *affiliated* master mason.

SEC. 18. No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall confer the Royal Arch Degree on more or less than three actual candidates at a time. If any Chapter violates this By-Law, it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to at once arrest its charter.

b. The first and second sections of the Mark Master's degree can only be conferred on one candidate at a time. The Most Excellent can be conferred on as many as is convenient.

Sec. 19. a. Chapters in this jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degress of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy Companion from without this jurisdiction, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, free of charge.

And this among the Rules of Order:

First. The High Priest, or in his absence, the King or Scribe, successively, shall open the Chapter precisely at the hour named in these By-Laws. If all the above are absent, the junior Past High Priest present may perform this duty.

The Report on Correspondence is by Past Grand High

Priest John M. Pearson, who reviews Pennsylvania for 1893. He appears to think he scores a point on us as ritualistic "tinkers," because forsooth our Committee on Work and Jurisprudence reported that they had carefully examined and corrected the work of Capitular Masonry as taught in the Temple School of Instruction and had approved the same as the true work of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania. We can not reply to his criticism better than by referring him to the address of M. E. Grand High Priest Bartlett, delivered on St. John's Day, 1894.

In commenting on our action in response to the overtures of the General Grand Chapter he reflects on our claim to having existed as an *independent and supreme body* for many years as not being consistent with some of the reasons assigned for not accepting the proposition made. We do not understand that a sovereign power surrenders its sovereignty by entering into a treaty with another power equally sovereign and supreme in its own territory and jurisdiction. 'Tis true that until 1824 the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, if a Royal Arch Mason, did preside as Grand High Priest, or rather First Grand Chief, and the Grand Chapter did not, nor does it to this day, raise any Brother to the degree of Royal Arch, leaving that to its subordinate or constituent Chapters. But we do not understand where our Companion could have found the basis for his statement that,

"Its (the Grand Chapter's) subordinates did not nor do they now hold exclusive jurisdiction over the Mark Degree."

Pray tell us where, in Pennsylvania, an aspiring Brother can apply for and obtain the Mark Degree except in a body subordinate to the Grand Chapter.

He appears to argue against our supremacy because we say that "no union of our Grand Chapter with the General Grand Chapter could be effected without the previous consent of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

If he will once more read the report of the Committee to whom was referred the invitation of the General Grand Chapter, he will discover that this refers to the fact that the Past Master's Degree, which is a part of the system practiced under the General Grand Chapter, is not, and never has been, under the control and authority of our Grand Chapter, and to bring

it under such control would require the consent of the Grand Lodge. We, *therefore*, beg still to claim the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania as an "independent and supreme body" of many years standing.

The published returns of Chapters contain in detail all changes in membership, giving names of all Companions exalted, admitted, re-instated, dimitted, suspended, expelled and dead; showing an increase of 403 and total membership of 15,846.

M. E. Companion W. L. Milligan, of Ottawa, is Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion Gil. W. Barnard, of Chicago, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA, 1894.

Indiana's Grand Chapter mourns the death of her Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Joseph A. Manning, who died during the week following his election; and of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Reuben Peden, a native of Pennsylvania, and a veteran in the service, who was killed by a train at Knightstown on December 1st, 1893. He leaves a bright record as a "good citizen, an upright, just and honest man, an ardent Mason, and a Christian gentleman."

The Grand Chapter met in its forty-ninth Annual Convocation at Indianapolis on October 17th, 1894, and was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Orlando W. Brownback, Grand High Priest. There were present Representatives of eighty six of the eighty-nine chartered Chapters, and thirteen Past Grand High Priests.

The M. E. Grand High Priest reports that he received a circular letter from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales, asking to be recognized and to establish fraternal relations. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who reported :—

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest upon the subject of the circular letter of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales asking the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, beg leave to report that the communication referred to contains a history of the organization in question, which admits, in the fullest terms, the fact that Chapters existing in that Province at that time, under the Registry of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland (five or more in number) at all times peremptorily and persistently declined and refused to take any

part whatever in said organization, retaining, then and now, their allegiance to their parent Supreme Grand Chapter; and that said parent Grand Body established and now maintains in the Province of New South Wales a Provincial Grand Chapter over its said subordinates; that our Grand Chapter of Indiana is now in full fraternal correspondence with said Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland by a companionable interchange of Grand Representatives, and that absolute peace and harmony and Masonic comity prevails between our said Grand Jurisdictions.

Under all these circumstances and facts it is the opinion of your committee that the Grand Chapter of Indiana should take no initiatory action tending towards the interruption of the existing status and relationship referred to, but should rather wait until every local means for the settlement of the questions at issue between these contending bodies have been exhausted before taking the side of either of these foreign Grand Bodies, as against the other; and we therefore recommend the indefinite postponement of the subject.

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendation adopted.

In answer to the question—"Should candidates be subjected to great peril?" the M. E. Grand High Priest used the following appropriate and forcible language:--

Answer. No; a thousand times no! For what might have been, see page 16, Transactions 1889. An object lesson can readily be learned from injuries alleged to have been received at that time, and any rough usage, by play, rudeness or perils of any character, kind or description whatever, is positively forbidden either in reception or return from captivity; and the abominable and ludicrous practice that unfortunately prevails to some extent throughout the jurisdiction, should and must be broken up, and any High Priest who permits trifling practice or boisterous conduct during the ceremony of conferring degrees deserves immediate suspension from office.

A Special Committee was appointed on Semi Centennial Celebration, which event will take place on Tuesday evening preceding the next Annual Convocation.

M. E. Comp. Thomas B. Long presents the Report on Foreign correspondence, eight pages of which he devotes to Pennsylvania. The only point wherein he gives us a good opportunity to "talk back" to him is in his opening sentence, when he says, "Neither the title page nor the opening paragraph of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania designated by words or figures the number of the Annual Communication held at Philadelphia on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1893." Very true, Companion Long, but that same title page does set forth that the volume contains the "proceedings, etc, for the year ending December 27, 1893,

being its ninety-eighth year." As we hold Annual, Quarterly, and Extra Communication, and as some of our early records have been destroyed by fire, it might be difficult to determine just how many such Communications have been held. That is one disadvantage of having been "born so soon," but the number of Annual Communications can be easily arrived at by starting from 1795.

Please accept thanks for fraternal consideration.

R. E. Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, of Fort Wayne, is acting Grand High Priest, and R. E. William H. Smythe, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1894.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, "convened in its Forty first Annual Convocation," at Sioux City, on the 26th day of September, 1894, the date having been changed from October 10th, to avoid the over-crowding of hotels, and the noise and confusion on the streets, incident to the holding of the Inter-State Agricultural Fair.

M. E. Frederick W. Craig, Grand High Priest, was in the East, and all the Grand Officers answered to roll-call except the E. Grand Royal Arch Captain,

The M. E. Grand High Priest in his address gives evidence of careful and conscientious attention to the duties of his position. He pays eloquent tribute to the Fraternal Dead of nine jurisdictions, commencing with Past Grand High Priest Augustus R. Hall, of Pennsylvania.

Eight dispensations were issued "to ballot out of time for candidates for the degrees." As he does not give the specific reasons for these dispensations, we must accept his general statement that he exercised the prerogative no "further than necessity and the good of the Royal Craft required." Dispensations were also granted for two new Chapters in the North-westerly portion of the State.

An extra copy of the "Work" was "written" by a Companion at a cost of \$100, and placed in the custody of the Grand Secretary. Three hundred copies of the Cryptic Ritual were "printed" and promulgated; while the plates of the "Hindoo Theology" differed so largely from the official copy that the Grand Custodian found it impossible to correct them,

and the publication was at last referred to a special committee to compare and note errors.

It is admitted that the keeping of the Cryptic Degrees in the Chapter "makes Iowa out of joint with all other Grand Jurisdictions," and it appears that in some Chapters but few have received the Cryptic Degrees or know anything about them. Why do not our Iowa Companions stick to the Capitular, and let the "Cryptics" with their beautiful, impressive and instructive degrees form a system of their own, thus coming in closer touch with other jurisdictions?

The effect of non-affiliation in Lodge, and the questions arising from jurisdictional lines and invasion of territory occupied the attention of Grand Chapter, and accurate surveys had to be consulted to determine that one Chapter should deliver to another the fees received for conferring degrees on candidates residing within its territorial jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is again by Companion Thomas R. Ercanbrack, who "drops into poetry" as naturally as ever.

In his opening, he says *inter alia* :—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence presents to you a report filled with sentiments pure and peaceful. It contains a review of the transactions of more than two score Grand Convocations. These Assemblies were all composed of gentlemen whose characters are of that exalted kind, and whose dispositions of that benevolent cast that no sound even suggestive of a discord was heard in any of them. The lack of the sensational in our story is not a sufficient reason why it should not be read by those for whom it is intended.

Whatever the reading of this report may seem like, its preparation has been as serene as a moonlight ride on a sea of oil."

He keeps a sharp look out for Iowa's Representatives near other Grand Chapters, and woe be to the ambassador who fails to report, and to make his presence known and felt!

We would like to quote many of his remarks on the affairs and practices of other jurisdictions, but will confine ourselves to the following on Pennsylvania, wherein he recites the resolutions of our Grand Chapter in response to the invitation to become a part of the General Grand Chapter, and adds :—

The Committee on Correspondence devotes some space to the same subject, and it is plain to be seen that the time has not come for the hoped for union. The present generation of Royal Pennsylvania guides must pass away before the devoutly wished for consummation will be

consummated. So, as far as Pennsylvania is concerned, we dismiss the matter. The obstacles stated by our Pennsylvania companions could be easily overcome. But the *real* obstacle, the state of the Pennsylvania Royal Arch heart, can only be surmounted by a broader and more comprehensive affection than they now possess. That somewhat bigoted sentiment that now enthalls the Pennsylvania Royal Arch mind will eventually yield to that—

“ Love which is master of all arts,
That puts into human hearts
The strangest things to say and do.”

Now our very dear Companion—“ the Pennsylvania Royal Arch Heart ”—beats responsive in its every throb to sentiments of Brotherly Love and Affection, with “ Charity to all and malice toward none.” Nor is the “ Pennsylvania Royal Arch mind ” so completely under the thralldom of “ bigoted sentiment ” as to be impervious to the influence of “ Love which is master of all arts.”

But we have an abiding faith in the future, and a firm and unfaltering belief that when the present generation of “ Royal Pennsylvania guides ” shall have passed away, those who come after them will follow religiously in the course taken by their fathers, firmly resisting the siren song which would seek to lure them from the straight and narrow way of duty and principle.

How about Iowa's persistence in holding to the Cryptic degree as a part of its Capitular system, which secludes her from the Grand Councils of her Sisters.

Having recently had a taste of Iowa's hospitality, and having enjoyed the privilege of visiting the Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, we feel like paying obeisance to this Grand Jurisdiction for its zeal and devotion to Masonry, as shown by its works.

Companion Amos N. Alberson, of Washington, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion Alfred Wingate was re-elected R. E. Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in Annual Convocation in Representative Hall, Topeka, on Monday, February 19, 1894.

M. E. Silas E. Sheldon, Past Grand High Priest, on behalf

of the Companions of Chapter No. 5, welcomed the Grand Chapter to Topeka, to which suitable acknowledgment was made by M. E. Grand High Priest, Bestor G. Brown.

Sixty-six of the seventy-eight Chapters in the Jurisdiction were represented, with eleven Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty-four Grand Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest pays high tribute to the worth and services of Companion John H. Brown, who had filled the station of Grand Secretary since 1879. All the officers with the exception of one were present at his funeral, when the Grand Chapter were accorded a position in the line, and moved as a separate and distinct body.

E. Companion Spencer P. Wade was commissioned as Grand Secretary, and he evidently took up the business of the office in a most earnest and thoroughly business-like manner.

The Address of the Grand High Priest appears to be a complete paper, although he feels called on to apologize, by saying :

Early last spring, the mutations of fortune called me from the State, and demanded of me the exercise of new duties, with a vigor and requisition on my time that precluded the possibility of devoting myself to the interests of this Grand Chapter to the extent that I had hoped when elevated to my present position one year ago. Like many, if not all of my predecessors, I had planned many things and had hoped to render some service to the Royal Craft, through an active participation in the work of the various subordinate chapters. I little thought that the stern necessities of life would deprive me of the fulfillment of my cherished ambition, but it is ever so with the hopes of man ; he builds upon the sand. These duties, taken up in the exigency of personal necessity, have been so great as to deprive me of the opportunity of preparing an extended report, and my pen was taken up only on the eve of this Grand Convocation. As I wrote, I could hear the echo of the *Grand Captain of the Host's gavel* (italics ours), and thoughts that might perhaps have come to me, vanished in the contemplation of the assembling Craft, and my imperfect service. Your many kindnesses in the past lead me to believe that I may solicit your generous indulgence at this time.

He mildly pays his respects to the Grand Representative system, which he thinks has drifted into a state of "innocuous desuetude," yet it has been a source of pleasure to him that he, through his position, could have an opportunity of thus recognizing the ability and services of those entitled to the most favorable consideration of the Craft.

Iowa was applied to for an "extended copy of the work," and the Grand Chapter of Iowa by resolution directed that the

same should be prepared and forwarded to the Grand Chapter of Kansas, that it might make a copy thereof.

It having been brought to the attention of the M. E. Grand High Priest that some of the Chapters were in the habit of conferring the M. E. M. degree in an indifferent manner—many times in the ante-room, he confessed his surprise, and did not hesitate in unmistakable terms to denounce such action, with assurance that he should without delay arrest the Charter of any Chapter indulging in such practice, and adds,

I am convinced that this Grand Chapter will most decidedly express its disapproval of any such course. Representing as it does the crowning incidents of that for which the devout Israelites had so long and earnestly worked, the very acme of their ambition, their hopes and their prayers, it presents opportunities for a magnificent and impressive rendition that is probably not afforded by any other degree in the masonic system. Conceive, if you can, a nation of intelligent, vigorous people, to whom religion and religious rites were of more importance than anything else, engaged in a stupendous work which should be a tangible evidence of a most devout allegiance to the Deity, assembled to celebrate the fruition of almost a generation's hope, and you will appreciate why the ceremonies of the M. E. Master's Degree should be surrounded with all the accessories and details calculated to present a gorgeous and brilliant spectacle. I should like to see every Chapter in this jurisdiction with the properties necessary for conferring this degree in the manner that its symbolism and its beauties warrant. The symbolism of the degree is most grand. It deals with sentiments which appeal to the most delicate pulsations of the refined and Christian heart. It is sublime. The chapter which disregards it is not entitled to a charter from this Grand Body. I feel like making a personal appeal to the companions of this jurisdiction to put this degree before novitiates in a manner befitting its magnitude and its grandeur.

The Royal Craft in Kansas is reported as in a more flourishing condition than ever before in its entire history. The Grand Treasurer has in his hands a grand total in cash and bonds amounting to \$9,748.99.

A new code of Laws was enacted, which in its construction is nothing if not symmetrical, being contained in two Chapters, composed respectively of 36 and 35 sections, and each section, with very few exceptions, consisting of three parts and a *proviso*. Chapter I. relating to the Grand Chapter, and Chapter II. relating to the Chapters.

Some of its provisions strike us as peculiar, *i.e.*, Chapter I., Section 6:

2. The Grand Captain of the Host shall assemble the members, and the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of Chapters.

3. If a quorum is present the Grand Captain of the Host shall organize the body and report to the presiding officer.

Provided, If a quorum is not present, the Grand Captain of the Host shall order an adjournment to a time stated

SEC. 9. At the annual convocations, of the Grand Chapter, while transacting business :

2. The officers of the Grand Council shall be clothed in their robes, and all officers shall wear their jewels.

3. All the members shall be appropriately clothed, and the banners of Royal Arch Masonry properly displayed.

Provided, If any convocation shall be held where the robes and banners cannot be conveniently had, they may be dispensed with.

Section 16 provides—"The office of Grand Representative, with the rank of Past Grand King, is hereby recognized," and "Each Grand Representative shall report annually on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction to which he is accredited."

No Chapter is permitted to confer the Capitular degrees for a less sum than forty dollars.

Companion Brown appears to have no successor as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, as there is no Report.

M. E. Comp. Robert E. Nickles was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. Jacob DeWitt, Grand Secretary, both of Salina.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons held its Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, Louisville, Kentucky, commencing Tuesday, October 16th, 1894. M. E. Grand High Priest William Poyntz Coons presiding, and all the Grand Officers reported present, with twelve Past Grand High Priests, and fifty-eight of the eighty-one Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in his address pays eloquent tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priests James A. Beattie and Edward B. Jones, and to the "Fraternal Dead" of other jurisdictions.

Fourteen dispensations were issued, seven of which were "to receive and ballot on petitions out of time." He maintains the propriety of issuing said dispensations as follows:—

In each of these cases good and sufficient reasons were presented for my action ; and each Chapter was required to give in every case, to all its members, the notice required to be given by the constitution. I concur in the opinion expressed by my immediate predecessor, that it is a wise provision of the constitution to give the Grand High Priest the

authority to issue dispensations, as without it much delay, and in many cases permanent injury would result to the Subordinate Chapters, while its proper exercise can only result in their good.

Among the "Decisions" we find:

1st. I decided that under Section 17 of the report of the Committee on By-Laws adopted at the last session of the Grand Chapter a motion for the previous question was not in order in a Subordinate Chapter.

2nd. That the Sentinel could be counted in making a quorum.

3rd. That no business could be transacted in a Chapter, other than the conference of the Royal Arch degree, unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons *members* of the Chapter.

The decision having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, its report was adopted, containing the following:

The decisions of the M. E. G. H. P. Nos. 2 and 3 are concurred in.

Decision No. 1 of the M. E. G. H. P. is approved and concurred in, being in accordance with the rulings of this Grand Chapter heretofore made.

Resolved, That hereafter the motion for the previous question may be made and entertained in any Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

So it appears that Section 17 is out of favor, and Parliamentary Rules are substituted in place of Masonic Laws.

The great commercial depression over the land interfered seriously with visitations contemplated, and provided for in the constitution; yet a few Chapters were visited, and evidently with much satisfaction; for, as reported:

I had the pleasure of visiting during the year, Greenup, Vanceburg and Ashland, and of seeing each of those Chapters at work in all the degrees. I found in each Chapter all the officers in their stations, and the work most beautifully and impressively rendered and in strict accordance with the ritual. A large attendance of the members, the Chapter rooms elegantly furnished, spacious and admirably adapted for the work, the robes of the officers, in fact all the paraphernalia pertaining to the degrees complete in every detail. Stereopticons were used with fine effect to illustrate portions of the work. Each Chapter has a fine organ, the music from which in connection with a choir of young men whose well trained voices add much to the impressiveness of the ceremonies. The average attendance is large, they are out of debt, the records are well kept, and every indication of prosperity: I was very much gratified to see so large an attendance of young companions. They are ardent, enthusiastic, brim full of zeal, and an intelligent appreciation of Capitular Masonry. I do not know that I can trust myself to speak of the banquets provided for the "weary sojourners who had come all the

way from Babylon," shared by some who were not so weary, because their journey had not been so long. Everything was done to make my visits a pleasure, and it will long be remembered as among the most pleasant events of my life.

Requisition was made for a copy of the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, which was duly received, but, it appearing that its adoption is optional, the exercise of that option is advised, "if at all with great caution," and "the Ritual is subject to the order of the Grand Chapter."

Evidently the great usefulness of the General Grand Chapter is not in the line of uniformity of Ritual. So we are, point by point, learning wherein its utility *is not*, but have yet to learn wherein *it is*.

We learn for the first time in this address that the centennial celebration of the Grand Chapter of Maryland occurred in September last; M. E. Companion Coons having received an invitation to be present. He regrets that he could not accept, and we join in that regret, as we might otherwise have had a report of the celebration, to which we of Pennsylvania were not invited.

"Our Home" is referred to at length, and with most commendable pride can the brother and companion of Kentucky refer to their Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home as one of the grandest charities the world has ever known. Should the contemplated Infirmary, duly and fully equipped, be added to the present Home, then indeed may it be said that the full measure of Masonic desire has been successfully reached in this, "the Kentucky Freemason's Pride."

The report on correspondence was, unfortunately, reduced to a skeleton in accordance with the wishes of Grand Chapter, which resolved in 1893 not to publish a report. The Chairman consequently reduced it to seven pages, which allowed some half dozen lines to each jurisdiction for an epitome of its proceedings.

Let us indulge the hope that in the near future the Grand Chapter may feel justified in returning to its former practice in this regard.

The proceedings are embellished with the likenesses of Past Grand High Priest James William Staton (1876), Bernard Gratz Witt (1885), Henry G. Sandifer (1888), and Henry Banister Grant (1889),

Companion James Dysert Lewis, of Bowling Green, was

elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion Henry Banister Grant, of Louisville, was re-elected R. E. Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in sixty-ninth annual Convocation at Portland, May 1, A. D., 1894, A. I. 2424. Fifty of the fifty-three Chapters were represented. M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Albert M. Penley, in his annual address feelingly announced the death of P. G. H. Priest Comp. John J. Bell, lately a resident of Exeter, N. H., who died at Manchester, in that State, Aug. 22, 1893, and noticed the death of Officers and Past Grand Officers of other jurisdictions, among which was that of Comp. Augustus R. Hall, M. E. Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania. The Grand High Priest said that the laws of the institution seem to be so well understood, and the Companions of such good nature, that he had not been called on for any decisions. He constituted four new Chapters, to wit: White Rose, at Sanford, June 27; St. Andrews, at Mechanic Falls, July 11; Teconnet, at Waterville, October 11, and Warren at East Machias, October 19. The ceremonies at Sanford and Waterville were private, and the others were *public*. At Mechanic Falls ladies "were present in large numbers," and at East Machias there was a large attendance by the public. With the constituting of new chapters, installing officers and paying official visits besides the performance of other labors, Grand High Priest Penley seems to have devoted much of his time to the duties of his station.

The reports of the Grand Officers and District Deputies charged with the duty of visiting the Chapters in their various districts show that Capitular Masonry is in a flourishing condition, and that the work, as a rule, was so rendered as to deserve commendation.

Each of the fifty-three Chapters had made returns up to April 1st, and on the 30th of that month had paid *all dues* to the Grand Chapter. It would be well if the promptness of our Companion of Maine could be extended to all Grand Jurisdictions. \$1,441.98 defrayed all the expenses of the Grand Chapter for a year, and there is a balance on hand of \$2,436.84. The Charity Fund amounts to \$4,753, and of the income there-

from, \$711.96, there was expended \$255.00 in granting relief. The number of Chapter members is reported at 5,528, an increase of 297 over last year.

The volume of proceedings contains two portraits on steel, respectively of P. G. H. Priests Comps. John J. Bell and Albert M. Penley.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, as usual, is from the pen of Companion Josiah H. Drummond. Limited time forbids notice of his views expressed about the proceedings of many Grand Chapters, and we are reluctantly compelled to confine our remarks to his review of Pennsylvania for 1893.

Mention is made of a decision by M. E. Grand High Priest Comp Tennis, in relation to the position of the Altar at various times during the ceremonies, and that it is of interest to ritualists. An extract from the Grand High Priest's address under the head "Finance" wherein he enjoins economy of Chapter resources is commended to the attention of High Priests. Companion Drummond is pleased that he has an able coadjutor in Companion Henderson, in opposition to the publication of the names of members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Companion Henderson, in the report for 1892, in commenting on a paragraph concerning "Marks" that occurred in the report for Colorado, concluded his remarks with this sentence:

"Therefore we instruct our candidates that when they discover a mark similar to their own there must be a change, and as age is entitled to preference, he who has the oldest mark retains it, while he who has the younger must select another."

Companion Drummond, in his report for 1893, quoted Companion Henderson's remarks, dissents from his views and adds:

"An attempt to make this Pennsylvania law universal would be utterly futile, as it would involve a comparison of the marks of all the Mark Masters in the world; this shows that it is utterly impossible to prevent the use of the same mark by two, if we include all Mark Masters"

Companion Drummond's criticism, of which the above is a single sentence, was copied in full in our report for 1893, and the Pennsylvania reviewer added:

Comp. Henderson is well able to take care of himself in any discussion pertaining to Masonic law, usage or custom, and the matter is now

referred to because he may not see Comp. Drummond's criticism. He has correctly stated the law of this jurisdiction, and if Maine has surrendered its sovereignty, Pennsylvania has not."

Comp. Drummond now, (1894), says that Comp. Henderson had laid it down as a principle that no Mark Master can select a mark which any other Mark Master had previously selected. He then quotes the paragraph immediately preceding this, and comments as follows :

"One would judge from this that Pennsylvania claims jurisdiction *throughout the world* ! Maine don't, and don't claim to govern Mark Master Masons in Pennsylvania, and, therefore, don't say to them, 'you cannot select a mark which a Maine Mark Master has already selected'; and our companion must pardon us for doubting if a Mark Master in his state is obliged to canvass the marks of all the Mark Masters in the world before he can safely select one for himself, even all those of Pennsylvania."

Let us consider the facts. The Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania declares that it is :

"The only true and legitimate source of authority over Capitular Masonry, consisting of the degrees of a Royal Arch Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason, and Mark Master Mason, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging; it has power to grant warrants for holding Royal Arch Chapters, to suspend, revoke and restore the same; to enact laws and regulations for the government of its subordinates and the members thereof; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws of Chapters and Lodges (warranted by it), and exercise general supervision over Capitular Masonry within its jurisdiction, and its authority cannot be called in question."

Companion Henderson, in his report of 1892, referred to our traditionary information as to the origin of marks and the importance of their distinctiveness, and then said in the sentence above quoted, "Therefore we instruct *our* candidates," etc.

The dispassionate reader of these facts will arrive at the conclusion that there was no warrant for the expression of Comp. Drummond that :

"One would judge from this that Pennsylvania claims jurisdiction *throughout the world* !"

Our esteemed Companion can quiet his fears. While the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania will exact

obedience to it from all its members and subordinates, it will not invade the jurisdiction of any other Grand Chapter, nor will it recognize any superior authority.

Companion Drummond further adds as to the reviewer of Maine :

“He refers to public installations, and says, among other things, that they are ‘in violation of an ancient landmark.’ *This statement is not true*; we put it thus concisely to compel Comp. AFRICA’S attention to it, and because it is an imputation of the most serious character against Masons of every jurisdiction, except his own, and possibly one or two others.”

Our acknowledgments are due, Comp. Drummond, for the very fraternal manner in which he called our attention to this subject.

Let us consider. While learned Masonic writers differ in their enumeration and definition of the Landmarks of the Fraternity, there is a general agreement among them that those laws and customs which have been observed from time immemorial are Landmarks. Among these, and first in importance, are the esoteric rituals and teachings of the Lodge room.

In the first edition of Anderson’s Constitutions, printed in 1723, there is a formula of “the manner of constituting a New Lodge, as practiced by his Grace the *Duke of Wharton*, the present Right Worshipful Grand Master, according to the ancient usages of Masons,” the fourth and fifth paragraphs of which read as follows :

“Then the Grand Master, placing the Candidate on his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the Brethren, shall say : I constitute and form these good Brethren into a new Lodge, and appoint you the Master of it, not doubting of your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the Lodge, &c., *with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.*”

“Upon this the Deputy shall rehearse the Charges of a Master, and the Grand Master shall ask the Candidate, saying: Do you submit to these Charges, as Masters have done in all ages? And the Candidate, signifying his cordial submission thereunto, the Grand Master shall, *by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages*, install him, and present him with the Constitutions, the Lodge Book, and the instruments of his office, not all together, but one after another; and after each of them, the Grand Master, or his Deputy, shall rehearse *the short and pithy Charge that is suitable to the thing presented.*” [The italics are ours. —A.]

Such was the ancient usage in 1722, when the Duke of Wharton was Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Free Masons of England. It is obvious that such installation ceremonies could not be performed in the presence of the profane. The publication of this formula, "which was according to the ancient usages of Masons," was *forty years* before William Preston was made a Mason, hence the citation of Preston concerning "every INSTALLATION, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE," in the editions back from 1804 to 1781, if it proves anything, it proves that he was an innovator.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from its establishment down to the present day, has observed the "ancient usages of Masons," and all installations by it or under its authority, are conducted within a tyled lodge.

Companion Drummond, writing of the "Ancient" and "Modern" Grand Lodges of England, says that in this jurisdiction the "Ancients" completely stamped out the "Moderns," but "now Pennsylvania Masons are proud to recognize those whom their fathers denounced, and make desperate efforts to deduce their descent from them." This statement is unsupported by the facts of history. The "Ancient" York Masons of this jurisdiction do not make "desperate efforts to deduce their descent" from the "Modern" Grand Lodge that was constituted in Philadelphia in June, 1732, and existed here for half a century or longer. We do, however, claim, and the claim is supported by written Masonic records and contemporaneous newspaper reports, that a St. John's Lodge was at work in Philadelphia in 1730, and that a Grand Lodge was organized two years later.

Companion Drummond asks for the evidence that when the Masons attended church, Dec. 28, 1778, in Masonic clothing, no Grand Lodge was opened. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, 1777-1778, the records of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge were lost or destroyed, and the oldest minute book extant was begun in 1779, hence no information can be obtained from the Grand Lodge archives. The only testimony left us is that of R. W. Grand Secretary, Rev. Wm. Smith, D.D. In the Ahiman Rezon of 1781 (printed in 1783), appears an account "of the PROCESSION of the BRETHREN to and from CHURCH." It begins:

"At Nine o'Clock, A. M., near *Three Hundred* of the Body assembled

at the College ; where being properly clothed—the Officers in the *Jewels* of their Lodges, and other Badges of their Dignity—the Procession began at Eleven o'Clock, viz.:"

The arrangement of the Grand and subordinate officers and members follows, including "His Excellency, our illustrious BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON, ESQ., supported by the GRAND MASTER and his Deputy." The procession entered Christ's Church, where a sermon was delivered by Bro. Rev. Dr. Smith, after which :

"The BRETHREN then returned to the College in the same Order as above described ; from thence they departed to their several *Lodges* and spent the remainder of the Day with their usual good Harmony and Sociability."

Such is the account, which our Companion is already familiar with, and if he can point out therein any evidence whatever that a Grand Lodge *was* opened on this occasion, we should be glad to be enlightened.

Comp. Drummond writes: "The Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon of 1825, now open before us, and that of 1894 also, contains in good large type, *the same ceremonies as are used at public installations*," and with like disingenousness he might have added the Ahiman Rezon of 1781. The average reader is left to erroneously infer that because certain charges and exoteric formulas that have been given to the world for generations are contained in the Ahiman Rezons, that they constitute the sum total of the ceremonies of installation. The "ancient usages" as observed on such occasions by the Duke of Wharton in 1722 have already been referred to. The formula for constituting a Lodge given in the Ahiman Rezon of 1781 contains almost the exact words of the fourth and fifth paragraphs above quoted from the formula of the Duke of Wharton.

Companion Drummond is so zealous in defense of the un-Masonic practice of installing the officers of a Lodge or Chapter in public that he would like to find or invent a precedent in Pennsylvania. Hear him:

"Our Pennsylvania companions must pardon us for not being convinced that they are right in their conclusions that the law and usage have not been changed comparatively recently in Pennsylvania, because when we were made a mason, Grand Master JOSEPH R. CHANDLER was the prominent mason in Pennsylvania, and he took a leading part in a public

installation, and we are very slow to believe that he was so ignorant as not to know the law, or so wicked as to be guilty of a "violation both of Masonic obligation and of an ancient landmark!" "Do you, Companion Africa?"

The impression that would be made on the mind of the reader of the above adroitly framed sentence is that Brother Joseph R. Chandler when R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania took a leading part in a public installation of Masonic officers in this jurisdiction. Now let us get at the facts. Brother Chandler served as Grand Master during the years 1841 and 1842. It is claimed that on St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 1849, the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia were installed in public and that Brother Chandler was present and delivered the address of the occasion. It will be observed that this *was not* in Pennsylvania; it was *seven years* after Bro. Chandler had retired from the Grand Master's station, and the occasion was a fraternal visit by invitation to another Jurisdiction. He had no right to object to the methods that prevailed there, and as a visiting Brother it would have been most unfraternal to do so.

And now, the writer having reached the end, for the present, of this discussion, and acknowledging the seniority of years and of Masonic experience of Comp. Drummond, modestly suggest that if he would dispassionately consider the authorities cited he must conclude that:

I. *Public* installations of the officers of Lodges could not lawfully be made under the "ancient usages" as prescribed in 1722.

II. Under the Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon of 1781, 1825 and 1894 the installation ceremonies must be performed within a tyled Lodge and not in public; and that

III. Pennsylvania has adhered to the "ancient usages," whilst other Grand Jurisdictions have departed therefrom.

Since penning the above the writer happened to open an Irish Ahiman Rezon, pointed in Dublin in 1780, in which the account and instruction as to "The Ancient Manner of Constituting a Lodge" are word for word the same as appears in the Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon of 1781.

Comp Seward S. Stearns, of Norway, was installed as M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Stephen Berry, of Portland, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1893.

This neat volume is embellished with four engravings. One, the frontispiece, is a representation of the beautiful Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore; another a portrait of Comp. W. Nash Young, the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest; the third a portrait of Comp. George L. McCahan, R. E. Grand Secretary, and the fourth is a view of the Oriental Hall in the new Temple.

Several pages are devoted to a record of the interesting ceremonies of the Special Convocation held September 18 for the consecration of Oriental Hall. The ceremonies, impressive in themselves, were supplemented by an appropriate address by Comp. John M. Carter, P. G. High Priest.

The Annual Convocation (96th year) was held November 14. M. E. Grand High Priest Young in his address says that he decided that a Brother Master Mason who subsequent to receiving the degrees in the Lodge, lost both legs was physically disqualified from receiving the Chapter Degrees. This decision was commended by the supervisory Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers. The M. E. Grand High Priest visited many of the subordinate Chapters and notes with satisfaction the increased zeal manifested therein for Royal Arch Masonry.

The Committee above mentioned declined to approve the M. E. Grand High Priest's suggestion that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be allowed more space, but recommended, and the Grand Chapter adopted the recommendation, that the compensation of the reviewer be increased to \$100 per annum. Pay to a member of the Committee on Correspondence in Pennsylvania was never dreamed of by the most enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason. We work without the hope of reward. The Grand Chapter, as seems to be usual in the Maryland Jurisdiction, *elected* a Grand Chaplain and a Grand Captain of the Host. The Grand Council then *appointed* the remaining subordinate officers.

The number of Chapters, including one under dispensation, is seventeen. These report the number of members as 1,512. We are pleased to note that the Chapters paid their dues *in full*. Some other Grand Jurisdictions might do well to profit by the promptness of our Companions of Maryland.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, from the pen of that experienced reviewer, Companion Edward T. Schultz.

Under Alabama Companion Schultz expresses the opinion that in the case of a rejected applicant for Chapter degrees, "it is far better that an interval of three to six months should elapse between a rejection and the filing of another application." We agree with him, and think that our periods of probation, six months after the first rejection, and one year after the second are just about right. Under Arizona the views of the Committee of Correspondence of that jurisdiction are quoted in part :

"It would appear to be but simple justice that a brother Master Mason refused advancement should know the reason for such refusal ; and possibly the craft at large might also be entitled to know such reasons, for the chances are that if unworthy of advancement, the brother is unworthy of retaining his privileges as a Master Mason."

We cannot agree with Companion Lighthizer in his views above expressed. We hold that the Grand Lodge is supreme over the degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and the Grand Chapter over those of Capitular Masonry. A profane who has received the first three degrees has not thereby acquired any *right* to the Capitular degrees. The Chapter to which he makes application can pass upon his merits precisely as the Lodge did. Under California we are compelled, from experience in various Masonic stations, to approve his remarks about life memberships. Lodges and Chapters, in eras of prosperity, are apt to make liberal provisions for life memberships, and afterward have occasion to seriously regret their inconsiderate action.

Under Minnesota he pertinently says

"If there must be such things as printed or written rituals, for *propriety's* sake, if nothing more, let no mention of them be made in our printed proceedings."

This is found under New York :

"This Grand Chapter permits a Companion who may be in arrears for dues to vote on petitions for degrees, but prohibits him from saying who shall be the office bearers of his Chapter ! We hold, that every companion whose name is borne on the roll of membership of a Chapter is entitled to *all* the rights and privileges growing out of such membership, and can-

not *properly* be denied the exercise of any one of them, so long as his name is continued on said roll of members."

The law in this jurisdiction is like that of New York, and we think it just. It is a duty every companion owes to his Chapter, if pecuniarily able, to contribute annually in the way of dues, his proportion to its revenues. If he is in arrears on the night of the annual election he is ineligible to any office, and is not permitted to vote. This requirement is an incentive to pay up, and if the delinquency is long continued the companion may be suspended.

Under "Pennsylvania" quotations are made from the address of the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Alexander H. Morgan.

Companion Schultz complains that Maryland was not noticed in the review of 1892. The reason is sufficient. A report of the Grand Chapter of that jurisdiction did not reach the Committee. He says :

"We have found but few opinions expressed by the Committee in which we cannot concur. Of course we do not favor the Pennsylvania doctrine referred to by one member of the Committee, 'that when a candidate has been made without a strict compliance with law, his making is illegal and void.'"

"But we must say, we do not like this 'farming out' business in the preparation of Reports on Correspondence if for no other reason, that in 'hitting back'--the wrong fellow might receive the blows."

The proceedings of forty Grand Chapters are faithfully reviewed within the compass of 88 pages.

Comp. William E. Arnold was chosen M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. George L. McCahan R. E. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1894.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation was held in the city of Baltimore on Tuesday, November 13.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. William E. Arnold, began his address thus:

"By the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father and obedient to duty and Constitutional law, we have once more assembled around our altar and there renewed those friendly ties which our fathers nearly a century ago commenced, and which have been continued annually ever

since, and as members of this Grand Chapter we are ready to begin the work of our Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation:

"We have much to be thankful for during the past year. Our subordinate Chapters are generally prosperous, peace and harmony prevail within our borders and also with the Fraternity at large."

Under "Necrology," touching mention is made of the death of Comp. Robert Kirkwood Martin, Past Grand High Priest, and the decease during the year of many Companions of Maryland and other jurisdictions.

The Schools of Instruction having been discontinued some years ago, they were revived and the Grand High Priest said:

"They have been a great success, nearly every Chapter has been represented at each of the meetings; all who attended showed a desire to learn the work and much interest was manifested."

Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, was commissioned as representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest reminds the Grand Chapter that in less than three years it will be called upon to celebrate its Centennial, and adds:

"This event will be one that we should look forward to with much pride and pleasure. I think we should commence our preparations for its proper celebration at an early day and, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed at this Convocation to take charge of all matters pertaining thereto and provide for such an anniversary as will become the occasion and the Grand Chapter of Maryland, the oldest independent Grand Chapter on this Continent and the first to reach the centennial mark."

Comp. Graham Dukehart, Grand Lecturer, reported that he had visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction, spending from one to three days with each. With such attention and instruction our Companions ought to be bright in the work of the Capitular degrees.

The Report on Correspondence is as usual from the pen of our esteemed Comp. Edward T. Schultz. Under Alabama he quotes without comment:

"Why this peculiar and widespread spirit of unrest? Surely that which was good enough for our forefathers ought to do for us. But they say

this is a progressive age and Masonry cannot afford to stand still. It is this very antiquity and immobility that has so largely extended the Order—then why modernize it? Why begin its dissolution.”

These sentences express the views of Comp. Pillans of the Committee of Correspondence of Alabama on the disposition manifested in various quarters to “tinker” with the Rituals, and we cordially endorse them.

Under Arkansas Comp. Schultz writes:

“The Committee on Ritual presented the result of their labors, and two hundred copies were ordered so be printed in cipher.”

A lever willingly inserted for overturning the corner-stone of Freemasonry!

We are pleased to quote this comment of Comp. Schultz under Illinois:

“The soil of Maryland has so far been found not at all a congenial one for ‘novel ideas’ in Masonry.”

This is found under Michigan:

“From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that Michigan also has a *printed ritual*. Your Committee cannot command language sufficiently strong to express their condemnation of this practice, which is becoming so general with our Grand Chapters.”

Your candor and courage do you credit. How many more of the veterans of Free Masonry will sound similar notes of warning against modern innovations? With rituals in cipher, printed rituals, public installations and the introduction into tyled Lodges and Chapters of the profane under the pretence of rendering music, what are we coming to?

Under Missouri, referring to Comp. Mayo, Comp. Schultz remarks:

“He says that although the word Order is used in the charge to a newly-made Mason in nearly all the text books, he thinks, and we do also, that ‘Fraternity’ or ‘Institution’ the better word.”

So do we of the Keystone State. The designation “Order” is of modern application to the Fraternity and should be expurgated from the Masonic vocabulary.

Coming to Pennsylvania, Comp. Schultz notices briefly the

action of the M. E. Grand H. R. Arch Chapter on the proposition to become a constituent of the General Grand Chapter. The direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest that an applicant must be interrogated by the Committee of Inquiry is quoted with approval. He compliments the Committee on Correspondence thus:

"The joint labors of these distinguished Companions have produced one of the most valuable and interesting reports we have seen this year."

In our report last year we quoted from the proceedings of the Maryland Chapter for 1892 a resolution concerning suspensions which was not adopted and commented upon the action had. Companion Schultz copied our remarks and added:

"We must say to Comp. Africa that he is not correct in his inference that if a Companion in Maryland loses his membership in a Lodge for non-payment of dues he remains a member of the Chapter. Under our present law a Companion suspended for any cause by the Lodge (even for non-payment of dues, we are sorry to say,) is also deprived of his Capitular rights."

We are glad to correct the error into which we had fallen, but are sorry to note that our esteemed Companion is not satisfied with the law of his own jurisdiction. We think it is right.

He says that we are in error in writing that Maryland has gone further than many of our younger sister Grand Chapters in wresting from the Grand High Priest prerogatives that rightly belong to him. The late day at which the Maryland report reached us did not admit of much research, but one topic we will consider briefly, the right of appointment of subordinate officers.

The powers of a Grand High Priest are analogous to those of a Grand Master. The latter under the ancient regulations appointed all the officers of the Grand Lodge below the station of Grand Secretary. That rule prevails in the Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maine, California, and other Grand Chapters, and is strictly in the line of the old precedents.

Companion Schultz says:

"As far as we can call to mind, our Grand High Priests possess the

same powers that have been exercised by them since the organization of our Grand Chapter, nearly one hundred years ago."

We have neither the time nor opportunity for investigating the ancient usages of the Maryland Grand Chapter in this particular, but to set our Companion right as far as we can at present, he is reminded that at the Annual Communication, held November 10, 1851, the M. E. G. H. Priest, E. D. G. H. Priest, E. G. King, E. G. Scribe, E. G. Secretary, and E. G. Treasurer were elected and installed. Subsequently all the other officers were appointed by the Grand Council. The same course was followed in 1852, 1853, 1854, and in 1855. In 1856 a new constitution was adopted, which made the G. Chaplain and G. C. of Host elective in addition to the officers above enumerated, and it was provided that the G. P. Sojourner R. A. Captain, G. C. of Vails, G. Stewards and G. Janitor should be elected in such manner as the Grand Chapter shall order at each Annual Communication. It appears that the G. P. Sojourner and other officers of lower rank are now appointed by the Grand Council, possibly under an amendment adopted after 1856. But the Grand Chapter by the constitution took from the Grand Council the right to appoint the Grand Chaplain and Grand Captain of the Host, which it hitherto exercised—hence the Grand High Priest, in the matter of these appointments, has not the same power he had prior to 1856, and if the records were searched back further, it is probable that it would be found that the appointing power of that officer has been considerably circumscribed since 1797.

The proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters have been fairly noted in the limited space of eighty-four pages. Several of Companion Schultz's comments were marked for copy and review, but as our printer is waiting, the pleasure anticipated in the work of review must be given up.

The number of Chapters is 17, with a membership of 1582, an increase in the latter of 70 over last year.

Comp. Edward R. Trippe, of Easton, M. E. G. High Priest, and Comp. George L. McCahan, R. E. Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this jurisdiction met in stated Quarterly Convocation at Boston, March 13th, June

12th, and September 11th, and in Annual Convocation (the ninety-sixth), December 11th, 1894.

The proceedings come to us in a volume of over 160 pages, embellished with an excellent portrait on steel of Companion Smith B. Harrington, M. E. Past Grand High Priest.

At the Annual Convocation, sixty-six of the seventy-four Chapters were represented by their officers. The work of the Mark, Past, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees was exemplified. The Committee on Finance reported balance on hand at close of preceding year, \$3,065.15; receipts, \$3,543.56; total, \$6,608.71; expenses, \$3,977.28, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,631.43. The permanent fund exceeds \$9,000.

Companion J. Gilman Waite, M. E. Grand High Priest, delivered his annual address, in which the important events of the year are detailed in a dignified and straight-forward manner.

He commissioned as his representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Companion Martin L. Shaffner, of Huntingdon, not *Huntington*, as it is printed in the proceedings.

It is with great pleasure that we record the fact that M. E. Grand High Priest Waite finds, on every hand, something to commend and nothing to condemn. He finds great satisfaction that peace and goodwill reign throughout the jurisdiction. "No schism has rent the body, and no contention has arisen among its members, save that noble contention of who best can work and best agree." Nearly every Chapter has had work to do, and it was well performed; the officers of the Chapters were faithful, earnest, and attentive to their duties; and the many District Chapters of Instruction gave ample opportunities for instruction. Really the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on the strength of its membership, the loyalty of the Chapters, and the growing desire on the part of individual members to learn and practice the work.

This Grand Chapter, like that of Pennsylvania, elects the principal officers, and the M. E. Grand High Priest appoints all below the grade of Grand Secretary.

The seventy-four Chapters report a membership of 13,304, being an average of nearly 180 members to each Chapter.

Companion Seranus Bowen, R. E. Grand Secretary, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, in about one hundred

pages, reviews the proceedings of forty-five sister Grand Chapters.

In his comments under California we indorse his views as to the exercise of the power of dispensation, and as to what constitutes a clandestine Mason.

Companion Foster, of Colorado, does not approve the action of the Grand Chapter of Georgia in permitting subordinate Chapters to exact a fee for affiliation, and Companion Bowen says Companion Foster's position would be "right if there were a uniform price throughout the jurisdiction for the degrees. But where one chapter charges the minimum fee of, say \$30 for the degrees, and another charges \$50, or more, it would be hardly the thing to allow a man to take his degrees where the lower fee is charged, and then affiliate without cost in the other Chapter." And he is right.

In his review of Pennsylvania for 1893, Companion Bowen quotes liberally, and with direct and tacit approval, from the address of M. E. Grand High Priest Tennis, and the report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under "South Dakota," he quotes with approval, and we join in and emphasize his approval :

"As to the ridiculous part and the resulting evil therefrom, we believe that the time is near when the rushing through process should cease, when the Chapter shall not be made the stepping-stone to the Commandery; when because the Grand Encampment approaches, some Master Mason, of perhaps many year's standing, feels that he has got to be a Sir Knight and attend that Grand Encampment at any cost, secures a dispensation, is rushed through the degrees of the Chapter and dubbed Sir Knight at a 60 mile-to-the-hour gait; we ask does any evil result? Does he know anything of the sublime degrees of Capitular Masonry? Does he ever after take any interest in his Chapter? Then we claim the result is evil, and should not be countenanced."

Under "Indiana" on the secrecy of the ballot, we concur with Companion Bowen, and indorse the expressions of Companion Long.

The ballot is secret and sacred. Every Companion in good standing present at a communication of his Chapter has the right to cast a ballot on the application of any one for initiation or membership, and he cannot be questioned either by his Chapter or by a member thereof as to how he exercised that right. But a Mason, in the true sense of the word, will never cast a black ball to gratify personal malice, spite, revenge

or any private animosity or unkindness, or for personal objection of the Companion, which is individual only to the applicant and does not affect his character as a member of society.

The black ball is a protection to the Craft, and it should be used without stint whenever an applicant, after proper inquiry, is deemed unworthy. But, whenever cast without good Masonic reasons, the Companion exercising that right has demonstrated his unfitness for fellowship. Yet, such is the law of the fraternity, that we are not permitted to inquire who cast the negative vote. The fault lies primarily with the Chapter in permitting such a man to acquire membership. That Lodges and Chapters have been "locked" by some member or Companion persisting in casting a black ball in every ballot for initiation or membership is "an old, old story," one that is familiar in every jurisdiction.

Companion Bowen notes the fact that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania dates from 1795, and that it holds *Communications* and not *Convocations*. He quotes liberally from the annual address (1893) of M. E. Grand High Priest Tennis, and from the report on correspondence. In the latter he agrees with the Committee in the views therein expressed on several points of Masonic law and custom. At the conclusion of his four page review of Pennsylvania, he adds in his courtly manner: "There is much more which we would like to quote from this admirable report, but time and space forbid."

There is a tendency in the younger jurisdictions, and in some of the older ones, to become remiss in the observance of the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity and permit innovations that would shock the sensibilities of the patriarchs of the Craft. Comp. Bowen is to be commended for the decided stand he has taken against the introduction of these modern fancies. Under Connecticut he writes:

"We think the admission of persons, not Masons, whether behind a curtain or not, is a pernicious innovation that ought not to be permitted under any circumstances whatever.

"If the Royal Arch Masons in any Chapter have got to the point at which they cannot *properly and effectively* render the Chapter work, it is time for them to surrender their charter and devote their energies to some of the many Orders in which ladies are lawfully admitted to the work.

"No conferring of Masonic Degrees can ever be legally done except in a place that is 'securely tiled,' and if the mere dropping of a curtain between those who are not and cannot be Masons and the actual

working of the degrees is 'secure' tiling we have been mistaken in the meaning of the term."

Mackey says:

"The necessity that every Lodge when congregated should be tiled is an important landmark of the Institution which is never neglected."

Under Georgia, referring to the reviewer of that jurisdiction, Comp. Bowen says:

"He speaks of the pernicious custom that seems to have grown up in certain places, of having persons not Masons present behind a curtain, to sing during the conferring the Chapter Degrees as an evil. It is indeed an evil and one that ought to be abolished."

From Kentucky he quotes:

"Comp. Bowen does not seem to admire the introduction of ladies into the work of conferring the Royal Arch Degree. Of course these ladies only took part in the musical division of the ceremonies. They were only heard, not seen by the Companions, nor did they see any arrangements for the work in the auditorium. They did their part of the work by their splendid voices and then retired beyond the reach of seeing or hearing anything in the ceremonies. This writer was not present, but he knows just how it was done, for he has witnessed the introduction of these splendid singers so often in the work of another Rite, that the whole scene is familiar to us, and just where the harm comes in we can't see. The magnificent music certainly adds great interest to the work, and no part of the ceremonies are being performed while the singing is going on."

And he comments:

"We have no doubt that the music was effective, but we maintain that that was not a properly tyled room; and we maintain that if Masons cannot be found to do all proper work, musical or otherwise, it is time for the Bodies so afflicted to go out of business."

Under Ohio, referring to the reviewer's report, he says:

"We are sorry to see that he insists that they can have ladies assist in the work of the Chapter Degrees. We don't mean to be too much of an old foggy, but we believe that Masons and nobody else should work Masonic Degrees."

We cordially endorse these comments of Comp. Bowen. We need more Watchmen on the Towers like him, who have both the ability and courage to speak out plainly against these

modern innovations. On this as well as on many other points of nineteenth century progress, the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the *Commonwealth* of Pennsylvania joins the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the *Commonwealth* of Massachusetts, in entering protest against departure from the ancient usages and customs, as well as the Landmarks, which none dare remove. None but Masons can lawfully be admitted within a tyled Lodge or Chapter.

Comp. J. Gilman Waite, Medford, M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Seranus Bowen, Boston, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons met in forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Saginaw, January 16, A. D., 1894, A. I. 2424. M. E. Companion Charles R. Bagg, Grand High Priest.

The volume of transactions contains a minute of a special Convocation held August 2, (6?) 1893, in the city of Grand Rapids, for the purpose of attending the funeral of M. E. Companion William Power Innis, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest

A large portion of the Grand High Priest's address is devoted to notices of the deaths of Companions of this and other jurisdictions. The numerous official acts of that officer and other matters of local interest are noted. A new Chapter, Homer No. 130, was constituted February 2d. Dispensations were issued to form several new Chapters.

The Grand High Priest is anxious to have the Chapter records properly made, and although the methods of Michigan and Pennsylvania differ in the way of securing uniformity and accuracy, the following extracts from his address are worthy of careful consideration :—

“I find from personal observation and information, that many of the books and records of the subordinate Chapters are kept in a loose and disorderly manner. I would recommend that the Grand Chapter at this Convocation, copying after our Grand Lodge, instruct the Grand Lecturer, in calling his schools of instruction, to direct the representatives attending the same to bring with them their books and records for inspection, that he may teach them how to bring order out of chaos.”

“The Secretary is the historiographer of the Chapter, which is making history day by day, and it is of paramount importance that his work

should be *properly* and *squarely* done, in order to perfect the business, and protect the funds of the Chapter, which are sacred trusts, held for the benefit of the members of the Royal Craft, their widows and orphans, and should be guarded with unceasing vigilance."

The report of a committee was adopted, recommending that Charters be granted as follows, to wit:

Fremont, No. 131; Columbian, No. 132, at Grand Rapids, and King Cyrus, No. 133, at Detroit.

The Craft throughout America feels the loss sustained in the death of Companion William P. Innis, Grand Secretary for nearly twenty years. Past Grand High Priest, Companion Hugh McCurdy, delivered an eloquent eulogy upon the life and character of the deceased, which appears in full in the proceedings.

One hundred and twenty-four Chapters reported 10,968 members.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Jefferson S. Conover. He says under Pennsylvania:

"The address of the Grand High Priest (Dec. 27th, 1892), is a scholarly and finished paper of twenty-six pages, and forms an interesting summary of his work for the year."

The announcement made by M. E. Grand High Priest Morgan of the death of R. W. Past Grand Master Clifford P. MacCalla, is copied in full, also an extract from the same address, in which reference was made to Companions being entrapped by associations inconsistent with legitimate Free Masonry. The official visits made by the M. E. Grand High Priest, the decisions he made, and other current matters, were noted.

Writing of the Annual Communication, Dec. 27th, Companion Conover says:

"The Grand Officers having been elected at the last Quarterly *Convocation* [Communication], were installed, and the new Grand High Priest, Companion Edgar A. Tennis, delivered an address on assuming his office. This he divided under several heads: The Work and Schools of Instruction, Proficiency before Advancement, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Recording of Marks, Lack of Interest, To Revive Interest, Masonic Library, Committee on Correspondence, and Fraternal Relations, under each of which he gives good, wholesome words."

The proceedings of forty-two Grand Chapters, one for three

and two for two years, were reviewed.. Our Companion writes :

"I close my first report on Correspondence as connected with Capitular Masonry as the New Year 1894 opens upon us, and send it out laden with good wishes for all the Companions, and the hope this new year may be filled with blessings for all of them.

"Called very unexpectedly to the performance of this work by the death of my very dear friend, General Innes, I took it up with much hesitation, but I have performed it as well as I could. While I have no thought that my work will equal that of my illustrious predecessor, I hope it may not be entirely unacceptable to the Royal Craft."

He performed his work faithfully and well, extracting from the mass of proceedings those matters from each, which would interest his own constituency, he has treated his co-workers fairly and with that courtesy and fraternal kindness that ought everywhere to be marks of distinction of the Royal Craft.

The finances of the Grand Chapter are in a satisfactory condition, and harmony seems to prevail throughout the jurisdiction. We congratulate our Companions of Michigan on their present happy state of affairs, and express the hope that still greater prosperity may be in store for them.

M. E. Comp. Jas. H. Cummins, Holly, Grand High Priest and R. E. Comp. Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary. The next annual convocation will be held at Detroit on the third Tuesday of January, 1895.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons met in thirty-third annual convocation at St. Paul on Tuesday, October 9th, A. D., 1894, A. I. 2424, M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Wm. P. Jewett, and the other Grand Officers being present. Fifty-three Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address, after making appropriate acknowledgment to the Giver of all good for the many mercies vouchsafed in the past and invoking His gracious favor upon those assembled, reviewed briefly the condition of the State and proceeded to detail his official acts during the year. He adverted to the industrial depression amid the people and threatened social disturbances and congratulated them that ad-

herence to law and order prevailed. The officers and past officers of other jurisdictions who died during the year are quite fully noted. Among them is Comp. Augustus K. Hall, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania during the years 1883 and 1884. Four new Chapters were constituted, to wit: 58 at Breckenridge, 59 at West Duluth, 60 at Minneapolis and 61 at Fulda. The Grand High Priest visited a number of Chapters. He had an efficient corps of District Visitors and either by himself or authorized representative nearly every Chapter in the State was officially inspected and instructed. He said:

"I am more than ever impressed with the value to the craft of these visitations, in tending to correct errors and abuses which inadvertently creep in, and in impressing the Companions with renewed zeal and interest in attaining a high degree of efficiency in the manner in which the several degrees are conferred, and a consequent more lasting and beneficial impression upon those receiving them."

The work should be uniform throughout the jurisdiction. Frequent visitations and schools of instruction conducted by Companions authorized and qualified to impart instruction, are the best means to secure that end.

The Grand High Priest properly refused to grant dispensations to receive and act on petitions the same evening and, if the candidates were elected, to confer degrees upon them, it not appearing that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry would be subserved thereby. There are, however, rare emergent cases where the power of dispensation should be exercised. But most of the requests for such favors are prompted by convenience or a desire to obtain the rights and privileges of Freemasonry in haste so as to attain in the shortest possible time what some people call the "higher degrees," as if there was something higher, better or grander than the Ancient Craft.

We are informed in the address that "the ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter has been prepared in cipher and a sufficient number of copies (3,500) printed to supply all the Subordinate Chapters in the United States." Where was the Entered Apprentice Mason when this and similar schemes were designed and executed? In Pennsylvania anything like a ritual is prohibited. The communication of the work by cipher is just as flagrant a violation of a Landmark as the printing of it would be.

The Grand Chapter elects an E. Grand Chaplain and an

E. Grand Captain of the Host. The other subordinate officers are appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest. The number of members of subordinate chapters, Sept. 1, 1894, was 4,498, a small increase over the preceeding year.

Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Comp. Thos. Montgomery in his report on correspondence covering 110 pages, reviews the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters. The work has been intelligently and pleasantly performed. His extended notice of Pennsylvania, occupying over ten pages, compels our special acknowledgment.

Brief reference is made to the more important items of business before each of the five communications held in 1892; and liberal quotations from M. E. Grand High Priest Tennis' address appear, also of that officer it is said:

"He made a tour of visitation with good results. He was deservedly re-elected "

Mentioning the fact that the work of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was divided among its members, Comp. Montgomery says of the one who reviewed Minnesota:

"Minnesota fell to his lot and has fraternal notice. He refers to the address as well prepared and dignified, and quotes that part referring to the public installation of the officers of St. John's Chapter. He thinks such a thing an innovation, as he also believes the incorporation of chapters to be. We find incorporation, which we never favored, to be prohibited in some jurisdictions and in others, as with us, permitted; but do not think many chapters care much about it. Property might be held in trust by certain officers or trustees, and Masonic bodies as such avoid any risk such as is referred to in our Companion's comments.

Yes, public installations are dangerous departures from the ancient usages and customs and the incorporation of Lodges and Chapters will, sooner or later, bring trouble to those who obtain them or to their successors.

On a grand visitation some years ago, the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania learned that one of the lodges visited had obtained a charter of incorporation. He immediately notified the lodge that the charter must be surrendered and the corporation dissolved on pain of a sequestration of its warrant. His command was complied with.

Companion Montgomery's explanation of his valuable table

of Grand Chapters, wherein he gives the "year of the latest organization or revival" of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania as 1824, is satisfactory, especially as in the next column 98 is stated as the number of our annual communications. Full publicity is given in his admirable review to the fact that our Grand Chapter was formed Nov. 23rd, 1795, and hence is the oldest in America. It remained under the control of the Grand Lodge until July 16th, 1824, when it became an independent organization.

He says of Pennsylvania Masons:

"They decry innovations and changes, and yet disclose several in their own history * * * They have just reason to rejoice, however, and we rejoice with them in their great prosperity."

But failed to point out where we had changed. It has been said that "Freemasonry exacts obedience in essentials and permits freedom in non-essentials." In Pennsylvania it is our pride to observe and enforce "the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Fraternity," and to resist any innovations thereof, as we understand them. The closer we adhere to the lines laid down by our fathers the safer our institution will be. Freemasonry has stood the storms of centuries, and will exist to the end of time if we and those who come after us keep the faith.

The proceedings are contained in a clearly printed volume of 157 pages, which is illustrated by two photo-lithographic portraits, one of the retiring High Priest, and one of Comp. William J. Hahn, Grand High Priest in 1882.

There is a feature in the annual proceedings of this Grand Chapter, (and it is found in some others), that highly commends itself to us. We refer to Appendix F, which contains a list of the names of all the companions who died during the year, with the names and numbers of their Chapters and the dates of death. This roll, while possibly primarily designed as a fraternal memorial only, will become a valuable historical record.

Comp. Frank B. Forbes. of Albert Lea P. O., is M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Thomas Montgomery, continues as R. E. Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Forty sixth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Mississippi was held at Holly Springs on the 14th day of February, 1894.

The retiring M. E. Grand Priest, Comp. J. K. McLeod, in his address devoutly refers to the blessings conferred by the "only living and true God " upon the State and its people during the year just closed. Among the dispensations granted was one to permit a ballot on petitions for the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry at a special meeting. To a Pennsylvania companion this appears to be a most unusual proceeding. The law in this jurisdiction, both in Lodge and Chapter, requires a ballot on a petition to be taken at a *stated* meeting. Broad as the prerogatives of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests are as recognized in Pennsylvania, neither officer can dispense with this requirement. Companions are presumed to know and are bound to take notice of the *stated* meetings of their Chapters but cannot always be informed of *special* meetings, at which so important a work as balloting on applicants ought not to be permitted.

The Grand High Priest refused to grant dispensations to act on petitions of candidates who had not resided the required time in the jurisdiction, and to receive, refer and ballot on the petition of a candidate at the same meeting. His action in these cases is commendable. Freemasonry does not seek votaries. Men who desire a part of its rights and privileges must conform to its laws and regulations. He invokes the companions to support and sustain the Masonic Home.

The report of the Committee on Capitular Law, which was adopted, declares that the only qualifications requisite in a High Priest are that he should have a knowledge of his Ritual and the faculty of presiding. In Pennsylvania no companion can be elected M. E. High Priest of a Chapter who has not been elected and served as King or Scribe of a Chapter in the jurisdiction, excepting on the formation of a new Chapter, or in other cases where no Past King or Scribe is willing to serve.

By a typographical error, overlooked by the proof reader, the second day's session is made to appear as being held on the 17th instead of 15th. Forty-three Chapters are now at

work. Of these, thirty-eight reported a membership of 1309. Three old Chapters were reorganized, and a new one, Booneville, No. 115, warranted and constituted. This Grand Chapter elects all of its officers from High Priest to Sentinel.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, covering fifty-eight pages, is from the pen of M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion P. M. Savery, and reviews the proceedings of forty-two Grand Chapters, two of them for two years. Under "Pennsylvania," proceedings of 1892, he quotes extracts from the addresses of M. E. Grand High Priests Morgan and Tennis, and the closing paragraph of the report on Correspondence. Under Iowa, 1893, he copies from the report on Correspondence :

"On pages 101 and 102 we found the names of no less than sixty-six 'Dead or Dormant Chapters' (In Mississippi.) Perhaps in the early sixties some reckless Federal soldier engaged in the task of laying waste everything he might find of any value in Mississippi. Might have said concerning these tottering Chapters: 'Tut, tut! good enough to toss: good for powder, good for powder; they'll fill a pit as well as better,' and adds: 'Wrong, Companion. The history of the acts of Federal soldiers in the Southland, wherever Masonic property was for a time in their custody, shows they kept the faith and guarded zealously the jewels of their brethern of the Mystic Tie. True, there were several instances of spoil and destruction of Masonic property, but they were the exception and not the rule.'"

We are glad to transcribe these words of Companion Savery. They prove that amid the rapine of our fratricidal strife of 1861-1865, the insignia of our Ancient Fraternity of peace saved from the spoilation of the profane, the property of Lodges and Chapters in the devastated South. May the benign teachings of the Craft soften, in every future contest at arms, the bitterness, and alleviate the distresses, always incident to war.

The conduct and example of our fathers in Free Masonry inspired and commanded the respect of the profane, and it is our duty to continue to deserve the same degree of esteem.

Under "Maine," Companion Drummond's views on dispensations are quoted. In Pennsylvania, both the Grand Master and Grand High Priest exercise the power. It has seldom, if ever, been abused.

The Grand Chapter is in a fairly prosperous condition. Comp. William Starling, of Greenville, M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction was held at Kansas City, on Thursday morning, April 26th, A. D., 1894, A. I., 2424, Comp. Allan McDowell, M. E. Grand High Priest. The representative of the M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, Companion Reuben Barney, P. G. H. P., was in attendance.

The following from the address of the Grand High Priest accords with our views:

“A dispensation was asked for by Edina Chapter to elect a High Priest to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Comp. I. W. Fox. I decided that no election was necessary, as the King succeeded to the duties of High Priest in case of his death.”

“Only one application has been made to confer Degrees in less time than the law allows, and that of course was refused. I believe that it is the duty of a Grand High Priest, when the law is doubtful, to construe it; when it is silent concerning some question that rises, to decide in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of the Royal Craft; but when it is plain and explicit, he has no more right to evade it, set it aside, or override it, than any other Companion. In fact, more than any one else it is his duty to see that the law is fully, fairly, and impartially executed.”

The Grand High Priest's address, an excellent communication, has this—

Conclusion: Notwithstanding the “hard times,” and a general stagnation of business, Capitular Masonry in Missouri has moved steadily forward. Accessions have not been so numerous as they might otherwise have been, but a fair amount of work has been done—and what is more, even of the utmost importance—on the very best of material. The Royal Arch Masons of Missouri stand as a living bulwark against infidelity, immorality, and intemperance, as living witnesses to truth, honor and integrity.”

This jurisdiction has 95 Chapters; the 94 reporting show a membership of 6377. The State, for the purpose of more readily imparting Masonic instruction, was divided into nine districts, and one of the officers of the Grand Chapter was assigned to each district.

Companion William H. Mayo was compelled by action of the Grand Chapter to condense the report on Fraternal Correspondence. His fifteenth report covers 75 pages, and within

that space he has managed to creditably review the proceedings of 48 Grand Chapters. He approves the decision of M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Tennis concerning the position of the Altar, reported at the Quarterly Communication June 8, 1893, and referred to in his annual address. He thinks the rule laid down by our Grand High Priest concerning irregularities in action on application for degrees is too rigid and the punishment inflicted upon the applicant too severe. Our law is explicit in directing who can make application, how the application shall be framed, the duty of the Committee of Inquiry, and the action to be taken by the Chapter after the committee has reported. If any of these prerequisites have been omitted, and the degrees conferred upon the applicant, he has been unlawfully made, and the Grand High Priest would, if his attention was called to the facts, direct the applicant's name to be stricken from the roll. When the law points out the various steps to be taken for initiation and membership, they must all be taken. No Committee, Chapter or High Priest can set aside or suspend the law.

Companion Mayo thinks that Companion Henderson's views under Alabama and Connecticut, and ours under Mississippi and Missouri conflict. In this we think he is mistaken. Companion Henderson contends, and properly too, that a Grand High Priest cannot override or set aside the by laws of a Chapter. Our comments on Mississippi were made under the impression that the power of dispensation in the cases in view, rested with the Grand High Priest. We are confirmed in that impression in finding recorded in the proceedings of that jurisdiction for 1894 that the Grand High Priest had granted dispensations to receive, refer and ballot on petitions for the degrees at the same meeting.

We are compelled by unavoidable circumstances to terminate our review of Missouri at this point. We would be glad to follow Companion Mayo further, and feel assured we could do so with profit.

Comp. Rev. C. H. Briggs of Fayette, M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

The Fifth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana was held in the city of Billings, on Monday, September 17th, A. D., 1894, A. I., 2424. The printed proceedings are embellished by a portrait of Companion P. H. Poindexter, the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest.

The eleven warranted Chapters and one under dispensation were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address reverently expressed thanks to the "Supreme Grand Master for manifold blessings bestowed, and that He has so mercifully spared the lives of all connected with our immediate official circle and permitted us to meet around our altar in unbroken ranks."

Touchingly referring to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, he further says :

"Our bitterest sorrow is for those, in our wide family circle, who have been unfaithful to their vows and professions and neglectful of their opportunities, though they still abide among us."

"A living death is worst of all."

The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters had made returns, paid dues and were represented. Here is an example of promptitude that the officers of Chapters in older jurisdictions could emulate with profit to themselves and to their respective Grand Chapters.

Notwithstanding the year was one of depression, the membership increased from 620 in 1893 to 637 in 1894.

The Report on Correspondence, covering ninety pages, is from the pen of R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Cornelius Hedges, a duty he performed faithfully and well

Under Alabama, he refers to the remarks of the reviewer of that jurisdiction reaching "the conclusion that the use of the term *Ancient York Masons* is and always has been a misnomer when applied to any bodies of the craft in this country." We beg leave to differ from our esteemed companion of Alabama. The records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and those of its ancient subordinate Lodges, furnish abundant evidence to the contrary.

Our esteemed companion notices the omission of Montana

from the review of last year. The reason is that the volume of proceedings never reached the Committee. Our gallantry would not admit of an intended slight of our bright, cheerful, progressive and beloved sister of the Northwest.

He presents that which under the then existing circumstances may have been cogent reasons for the Grand Chapter of his State for becoming subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. The review of Pennsylvania is fraternal throughout.

The esteemed reviewer, referring to some comments made in a former report, writes :

“From the conclusion we fear that the feelings of the Pennsylvania Companions have been terribly shocked at some of the innovations practiced, especially in Ohio, where lady singers were introduced in some part of the ceremony. Brother Vaux thinks we are just as bad in allowing public installations of our Grand Lodge officers. So being in the same category of offenders we might as well own up that we think a good woman is the best companion any man can have. They were designed by the Supreme Architect of the Universe for companions and the first verse in every Chapter. So long and far as we violate no express obligation in Masonry, we welcome the companionship and co-operation of good women, and if this makes us a heretic we shall accept the company to which it consigns us with the utmost composure.”

We cordially endorse and emphasize Companion Hedge's excellent tribute to the “best of humanity,” but we must remind him that the Society of Freemasons was from the beginning and is now for men and for men only. If installation of the officers of a Grand or subordinate Chapter can be conducted in public, why not other exercises?

In giving an account of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter held at Topeka, Kansas, August 22-24, 1894, Companion Hedges said :

“It was voted to continue efforts to bring in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Rhode Island. There is no good reason why the latter should not come in, but from the nature of answers returned by Pennsylvania and Virginia, we think it unbecoming the dignity of General Grand Chapter to importune them further.”

True, as far as Pennsylvania is concerned. Other Grand Chapters are free to do as they please in this matter. Our Grand Chapter will not consent, and it is to be hoped that the dignity of the General Grand Chapter may cause it to refrain from inviting another decided but fraternal declination.

Comp Ike W. Baker, Livingston, M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Helena, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

In Freemason's Hall, York, Wednesday, December 13, A. I. 2423 A. D., 1893, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, began its Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation, with thirty one of its fifty-one constituent Chapters represented. M. E. Robert E. French, Grand High Priest, began his annual address by a reverent acknowledgment of innumerable blessings "by Him of whom it is said, 'He is good, and His mercy endureth for ever.'"

"Three score and ten years mark the allotted space of human life. Man dies, but his works survive him in institutions that have foundations broad and deep. Not least among them is the Royal Craft—in whose interest we are now assembled—one having as its stone of foundation "a belief in the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man," and giving promise of an existence ending only with time itself, and with principles immutable as truth, unchanged and unchangeable, that will give it, as year joins year and generations rise into being and pass from view, a strength increased and increasing with added days. Another year opens before us bringing in hearty greeting the renewal of warm friendships and that particular joy which true men feel when united in purposes that elevate their natures to higher places of thought and action. Animated by these feelings let us fairly meet every question presented for deliberation, doing only what is good for the greatest number, gracefully submitting to the will of the majority, that the result of our labors may be to the honor and glory of God and our advancement in knowledge and virtue.

"Yes, my companions, in coming hither may you gather restoration from the past, refreshment for the present and resources against the future, and may you return back to the world with calm, resolute and well fortified minds, better fitted to meet the trials and better enabled to bear the burdens of life. Remembering, my companions, that piety towards God—the glorious Master builder of the universe—and love to mankind, are the two grand immovable pillars which support the fabric of Masonry. May your hearts ever glow with the warmest emotions of piety and the noblest sentiments of benevolence."

The death of M. E. Edwin A. Allen, Past Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction, who departed this life January 8th, 1893, that of Comp. Joseph Potts Horner, General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the United States, twenty-one members of sub-ordinate Chapters, and of officers of other Grand Chapters were suitably noticed and recorded.

The promulgation of a reprint of the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Chapter avoided the necessity for the Grand High Priest to make any new decisions of law. While "ignor-

ance of the law excuseth no man," how can it be expected that the Companions shall be law-abiding if they are kept in ignorance of its requirements? What is proper to be written should be so widely published that there would be no excuse for ignorance. Such publicity would relieve the burdens of many Grand officers.

The Grand High Priest directed a requisition to be made for fifty-one copies of the General Grand Chapter ritual. Each High Priest was provided with a copy. He said:

"In some cases they have refused to comply with the requirements of the General Grand Chapter. In such cases I have directed them to return the ritual to our Grand Secretary, which has been strictly complied with to the best of my knowledge.

"On February 6th, 1893, I requested our Grand Secretary to make the second requisition for a sufficient number of the rituals for each of the officers of this Grand Chapter, which was immediately done, and through the exceeding kindness of M. E. Christopher G. Fox, General Grand Secretary, every officer of this Grand Chapter has received a copy of the adopted work of the General Grand Chapter, and I believe they all are informed, so that they can knowingly take action on this matter at this annual convocation. I have done everything in my power to aid all the Chapter and Grand Chapter officers in this matter."

The Committee on doings of Grand Officers, reported, among other matters, a recommendation of the adoption of the standard work as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The report was agreed to. This, it seems to us, leaves the Chapters of Nebraska free to adopt or reject the "standard work."

With due respect to Nebraska and the General Grand Chapter, we ask: Of what use is a continental organization if it powerless to enforce uniformity of ritual among its subordinates?

If there were no other reasons weighing against the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania becoming subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, the issuance in print, whether in plain letters or ciphers, of the ritual of the Chapter degrees, would debar any Pennsylvania Mason from being a party thereto.

Grand High Priest French has been wrestling with the Grand Representative System, and has nearly reached the conclusion arrived at by several Grand Masters. Hear him:

"This matter of Grand Representatives has necessarily caused me a large amount of correspondence and is not satisfactory. I find that com-

panions have been commissioned to represent other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska years ago. I suppose their commissions have expired and they have been re-appointed. I am sorry to say that I have never met any of those companions in Grand Chapter, and it occurs to my mind that when a person receives an honor of representing a fellow Grand Chapter, they should recognize that honor and be present at our annual convocations; and were I to make a recommendation in this matter, it would be that any companion who holds a commission to represent a fellow Grand Chapter, who has not been in attendance for three years, they should not be re-appointed. I cannot say that I can see any real benefit derived from these appointments, having had the honor to represent three Grand Bodies, one in Ancient Craft Masonry, one in Capitular Masonry and one in the Order of Knighthood. I have never had any duty to perform, and I am not now prepared to say whether I endorse the system or not, but I can safely say that it has caused a great deal of correspondence during the year."

A Representative is a mere ornament, and the position is often sought as a piece of notoriety. He is invested with no authority. The appointment and reception of Representatives have, on several occasions, been productive of unfraternal correspondence and nearly resulted in the sundering of relations between Grand Bodies. Then why retain this useless encumbrance? Eradicate it root and branch, and one cause of discord will be gone forever.

We have noticed that in this and other jurisdictions the by-laws of Subordinate Chapters are submitted to the Grand High Priest for approval, and presume that this became a necessity where the Grand Chapters met annually only.

After paying all the orders granted during the year, there remained in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$2,328.93. A committee to which was referred the matter of the exchange of Representatives, reported that the system is well established and of almost universal custom among Capitular Grand Bodies, and recommended a continuance of the custom. The report was adopted. A little more experience may convince our Nebraska companions that they will be better without this cumbrous and useless machinery. The number of members reported Oct. 31, 1893, was 2905.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Companion Charles J. Phelps. The proceedings of forty seven Grand Chapters were reviewed, several of them for more than one year.

The proceedings of the G. H. Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania at each of its quarterly, and the annual, communications held in 1892 are briefly noted and occasionally com-

mented upon. Liberal quotations were made from the address of the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Alexander H. Morgan, and that of the newly installed M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Edgar A. Tennis. The composition of the Committee on Correspondence is noted, and the method of dividing the labors. Some of the views expressed by the committee are reproduced with evident approval.

Our esteemed companion maintains that the actual presence of the charter (we say warrant) is not essential in the opening of a Lodge or Chapter. As we have hitherto claimed, we regard its presence absolutely necessary. The law of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requires that the warrant of constitution shall "always be in the Lodge when it is opened and during its labors. * * Where there is no warrant there can be no Lodge opened." The Constitution of the Grand Chapter contains the same requirement.

At the opening of a Lodge or Chapter the warrant is suspended from the pedestal of the Worshipful Master or M. E. High Priest, and remains there until the closing ceremonies have been concluded.

From Companion Phelp's statistical table we learn that the membership of the American Grand Chapters amounts to 178,391.

The Royal Craft in Nebraska is in a flourishing condition, and a commendable spirit is abroad among the companions. The volume of proceedings before us is well arranged, and its typography clear and attractive.

M. E. Comp. Albert W. Crites, Grand High Priest, Chadron, and R. E. Comp. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Omaha.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was held at Freemason's Hall, in the City of St. John, on August 29th, 1894.

In addition to the proceedings for 1894, we also have another volume containing the proceedings from the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1888 up to and including 1893.

The first grand High Priest was Comp. B. Lester Peters, and he served for five years, when he declined a re-election.

He was a popular officer, and in testimony of his worth they unanimously adopted the following resolution with a standing vote :

“ Most Excellent Companion B. Lester Peters, who has presided over this Grand Chapter since its formation, having declined re-election, this minute is made to express the satisfaction of Grand Chapter at the skill and faithfulness displayed by him in the performance of all his important duties ; its sense of the fairness and courtesy with which he has conducted all its deliberations ; and its appreciation of the pleasure derived from the fraternal intercourse with him as head of the Grand Chapter, during the years he has discharged the important duties of presiding officer.”

And we can consider him all the more popular because the next one in position was not elected Grand High Priest, but the Grand Secretary, Comp. T. Nisbet Robinson was elected and re-elected the following year.

At the Convocation in 1894 Comp. Edward Tweedie, the Deputy Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter, and the first thing in his address was a reference to the death of Comp. Robertson, the Grand High Priest. Comp. Robertson was fifty-three years of age, and at the time of his death had been a Mason for over thirty years. He was also the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Comp. Tweedie notices in his address the death of Past Grand High Priest Hall, of Pennsylvania.

He also announces the appointment of Comp. Samuel W. Latta as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Another matter he referred to was the memorial of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales, and late in their session the following resolution was adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales be and is hereby recognized by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick as a regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that fraternal relations be entered into with her.”

The address of the Deputy, as well as their whole proceedings are mainly of local interest.

There are only seven Chapters on the roll, with a membership of four hundred and one. During the year there was a gain of six members.

When the time for the election comes around they appoint

“Scrutineers” to conduct it, and although the Grand Chapter is not a large one, and only-twenty-nine members were at the Seventh Convocation, it is by no means a unanimous body either, for the report says “upon the several ballotings the scrutineers reported the following companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast.” Of course it may mean that separate ballots are held for the different officers, but as the result of the election shows that besides the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary only one of the officers was re elected, and he was given his old position, and as an entirely new companion was elected Grand High Priest, we presume that there must have been some contests. It would have been so in Pennsylvania, at least, to arrive at such a result,

There is no report on correspondence.

M. E. Comp. John V. Ellis is the present Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. William A. Ewing, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A handsomely printed volume of nearly two hundred pages gives us the proceedings of the seventy-fifth annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire that was held in Freemason’s Hall, in the city of Concord, on Tuesday, May 15th, 1894.

When William H. W. Hinds, the M. E. Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter, he found that all but one of the Grand Officers were present. Eight Past Grand High Priests, representatives from twenty-three Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions (among them being Comp. Samuel Condon, Jr., the Representative from Pennsylvania), and companions were present from nearly every Chapter in the State, and a number of visiting companions.

With an attendance like we have just written of, it is scarcely necessary to state that their Grand Chapter is in good condition, and that the proper kind of interest is taken in the Capitular degrees in that jurisdiction.

He opens his address as follows :

“Time in its rapid flight has brought us to the close of another year, and we have assembled in our seventy-fifth annual grand convocation. Around our consecrated altar we have invoked the blessing of the Grand High Priest of the Universe and implored His guidance and support in

all our lawful undertakings. With this, our first duty performed, let us renew our pleasant associations, review the labors of the past year, take counsel together and legislate for the promotion of the interests of our beloved Order.

"Since our last convocation seven of the members of this Grand Chapter have been called upon to 'cross the river we call Death,' and we on this side are left to deplore their loss, to emulate their virtues and to revere their memories."

He gives an extended notice of the death of John James Bell, (whose portrait adorns the proceedings), and who was a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. Comp. Bell received part of his Masonic degrees in New Hampshire and part of them in Maine, having lived in both States. He held various positions in the Grand Bodies of Maine, and was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1863, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1862 and 1863, Grand Principal Conductor of Work in the Grand Council in 1862, and Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery in 1862 and 1863. He returned to New Hampshire in 1864, and was Grand Master, Grand High Priest and Grand Commander of those bodies in New Hampshire.

The Grand High Priest says :

"I desire here to record my deep sense of the loss which this Grand Chapter and we his Companions have experienced, by the death of this eminent ritualist and jurist, this intelligent and faithful legislator, this just and upright judge, and this true Christian gentleman and illustrious Mason."

It is not often that a Mason obtains such high honors in two different States.

He also refers to the death of the following companions :

Daniel Robinson Marshall, Past Grand High Priest ; George Harrison Tree, Past Grand Scribe ; William Grace Billings Grand Steward.

He did not find it necessary to make any new decisions of law, and of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the State, he says :

"From a careful inspection of these, (referring to the Chapters he had visited), and from the reports received of the other Grand Officers, and those of the subordinate officers, I believe that Royal Arch Masonry is in a satisfactory condition throughout the State."

He concludes his address with thanks to the officers and

members of the various Chapters, and "particularly to Grand Secretary Cleaves, for his valuable counsel and advice in the discharge of the various duties of the year."

The Committee on Chapters and Returns recommended the granting of a charter to a new Chapter that had been working under dispensation, and from a summary of the returns we take the following figures:

Number of Chapters.	23
Number Exalted	147
Number of Members.	3114
Increase in Membership	67

The following resolution was adopted, and a committee of two appointed in accordance therewith:

"*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of three Past Grand High Priests be appointed to draft, and report at the next annual convocation, a code of rules for the government of this Grand Chapter."

The Chairman of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers is Comp. Albert S. Wait, and the same companion prepared a memorial on Past Grand Priest Bell. We wish we could give his sketch of the life and public services and Masonic career of Judge Bell in full, but we feel while we cannot do that, we must give these few lines that close the report:

"Monuments of marble may be erected to his memory, and to none more deservedly; but that which will longer endure will be the literature and the law which bear his name. Still more enduring even than these, will be the influence of his life upon the lives and actions of men when marble shall have become dust and when cenotaphs shall fail to give forth their inscriptions."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again written by Comp. Wait, and comprises one hundred and fifteen pages. He starts in without scarcely "Good Morning," and closes it without writing "Good night," but while there is no introduction or conclusion, the whole report shows the same painstaking labor in its preparation that characterizes all his writing.

He compliments Comp. Lighthizer, of Arizona, when he says, "we generally find his views such as we can endorse."

Under Canada he gives the following.

"The following case which arose for the decision of the Grand Z. is

interesting, although in New Hampshire, where dual membership is not allowed, it is not practically important : A companion who belonged to two Chapters, was by one of them suspended for non-payment of dues, and by the other elected to an office, and the question was, what was his status. The Grand Z. held the election illegal ; that his dues must be paid to the Chapter which had suspended him, and a new election be held for the office to which he had been elected. This decision was approved by the committee to whom the address was referred, and affirmed by the Grand Chapter."

Like in New Hampshire, dual membership is not allowed in Pennsylvania.

He devotes four pages of his report to a review of Pennsylvania for 1892 and 1893.

In regard to the action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania on the invitation to unite with the General Grand Chapter, stating that the report of the Committee at the June quarterly was laid over for consideration until the September communication, he says :

"At the next quarterly, which was held on the 7th of September, the report of the committee upon the proposed union with the General Grand Chapter was considered, and, upon the question being put, the report was adopted by a unanimous vote. This result is greatly to be regretted, though it was, perhaps, the one to have been anticipated."

This notice of Pennsylvania is very kind and fraternal, and we are glad it is so, for we would not want to cross swords with Comp. Wait.

Following the report are the proceedings of the convocation of the order of High Priesthood,

Comp. William Henry Weed Hinds is the Grand High Priest and Comp. George Perley Cleaves, Grand Secretary, and the next annual convocation will be held at Concord, May 14, 1895.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirty-eighth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey was held at Trenton, May 9, 1894.

M. E. Andrew J. Bale, the Grand High Priest, was in his station.

Of course the first order of business after the roll-call was

the address of the Grand High Priest, and after welcoming the companions, he said:

"The never-wearying reaper, gleaning as he passes by, has stopped on his journey and gathered in his harvesting some of our choicest sheaves. Their seats are vacant and their lights extinguished, and to us is left but a sorrowing memory of the warmth of the hand-clasp and kindly glance of the eye as we met in the past."

The first of the dead he speaks of is Companion Henry Vehslage, and he announces his death as follows :

"Reverend and Excellent Companion Henry Vehslage, Past High Priest of Harmony Chapter, No. 9, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, after a lingering illness, died March 4th, 1894. His decease is a serious loss to religious, as well as Masonic, circles, in both of which he was well and prominently known."

A committee on memorials was appointed but their report, for some reason or other, does not appear in the proceedings, so we have not very much of a notice, from their proceedings, of our companion.

We are sorry Comp. Vehslage has gone. We were not personally acquainted with him, but, from reading his report on correspondence and writing of him for a few years past, we felt that we knew him, as we feel towards many of the companions engaged in like work. But from his writings we have learned of his kindness of heart, his genial disposition, his admiration for the good and true, and his firm, honest convictions of what was right, and his striving to do right. He has gone before, and we can only hope that when our time has come we can feel as sure of reaping the reward of the master as we do that the spirit of Comp. Vehslage is with the God who gave it.

The Grand High Priest referred to the deaths of two other distinguished companions as follows :

"Most Excellent Companion Benjamin T. Bright was suddenly called from labor to refreshment on the 9th of March, 1894. He was a Past High Priest of Brearley Chapter, No. 6, and Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

"Most Excellent Companion Edward Goeller, Past High Priest of Union Chapter, No. 7, and Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, peacefully passed away from his sorrowing family and friends on Monday, May 7th, 1894."

In course of his address he refers to the difference that existed between a subordinate Chapter of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He had the visiting offices of the Chapter secure and forward to him all the correspondence and minutes on the subject.

He says:

"I draw the following conclusions from the report presented:

"Possibly representations have been misconstrued. Certainly there have been, and still are, misunderstandings in the case. The subordinate of New Jersey has not and does not ignore the claim made upon it, but unfortunately was financially embarrassed and unable to respond when claim was presented. That it should have been attended to at the earliest possible moment was simply a Masonic duty. Masonic principles are broad and enlightened, suffering no narrow-minded or constrained construction, and the upholding of them is dear to the heart of all true Masons.

"To relieve the distressed is incumbent upon all mankind, especially upon Masons. And while acknowledging the courtesies of the Companions of our sister Jurisdiction, for their loyalty to the tenets of the craft, we are constrained to censure our own subordinate for their delay in responding to the request for reimbursement. The amount involved is trivial—not so with the principle at stake.

"That is of importance. If our subordinate has not, or cannot do its duty in this matter, I recommend the Grand Chapter do it for them."

Later on in the session the Committee to whom this matter was referred made a report as follows, which was adopted:

"Your Committee would respectfully report that they have investigated the matter between Allen Chapter, No. 203, of the State of Pennsylvania, and Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, of this jurisdiction, and find that Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, is able and willing to refund to Allen Chapter, No. 203, the amount of their bill, twenty-five dollars and forty-nine cents (\$25.49), expended in the case of their late Companion, Harry Kuhun, by the latter Chapter. Your committee recommended this course."

Comp. Bale was a hard working officer, and from his address it is evident that he gave much time to the duties of his position.

He closes his address by saying:

"It has been my continual aim and ambition to so discharge the duties of the office to which you elevated me, that naught but peace, prosperity and harmony should exist within our borders, and for the unfailing zeal and fidelity of my associates, and the cordial and hearty co-operation and courtesy of my companions, I now desire to return my sincerest thanks."

The following paragraph is from the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and will apply just as well to Pennsylvania as to New Jersey, and to subordinate bodies as well as grand bodies :

“Officers are expected to do more than merely occupy a station. They should grace, honor and elevate it; should be selected with special reference to the interest and dignity of the Grand Chapter, and not to individual honor or interests. The appointing power as the prerogative of the presiding officer should be exercised without the restraining influence of precedent. The aim and object of all should be to elevate and maintain the dignity of Grand and Subordinate bodies, and by careful, earnest endeavor to advance far towards perfection.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report in regard to the New Brunswick and New South Wales, which was adopted :

“And in reference to the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick they desired to say that this Grand Body has presented evidence of the regularity of its organization and recognition, and it is recommended that the Grand Chapter of New Jersey recognize this Grand Chapter and enter into the courtesy of exchanging representatives.

“In relation to the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, the committee beg to say that no proofs of sovereignty have been before them, and it is deemed inexpedient to give the matter further consideration at this time.”

The returns from the Subordinate Chaplains show a membership of three thousand and ninety.

During the year there were exalted, 132 ; reinstated, 8 ; affiliated, 9 ; total, 149. Dimitted, 27 ; died, 32 ; stricken from the roll, 4 ; suspended, 37 ; total, 100 ; making a gain of forty-nine.

A fine portrait of Comp. Bechtel is printed as a frontispiece to the proceedings.

On account of the death of Comp. Vehslage, the Grand High Priest requested Comp. George B. Edwards, the Grand Secretary, to take up the work of the Committee on Correspondence, and the report comprising about one hundred and twenty-five pages, was prepared by Comp. Edwards.

In a page preceding his report, Comp. Edwards says :

“For the second time summoned to perform the duty assigned to those who had died before preparing their work in the quarries, the first occasion consequent upon the death of the lamented Corson, whose

genius in the Masonic field is still reflected, and whose integrity of life is a bright example for all time ; the second, that of the immediate decease of Companion Henry Vehslage, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Master, exemplar of the faith and follower in the footsteps of the Master, it is with no ordinary feeling that this reviewer again obeys the mandate to prepare the Correspondence Report ; a Mason's craft-work, the function of Companions removed by the unerring shaft of death.

"Two of the noblest, whose grand ethics of life were :

" 'Let each man think himself an act of God.
His mind a thought, his life a breath of God
And let each try, by great thoughts and good deeds
To show the most of Heaven he hath in him.'

"It is hoped that the members for whom this report is prepared may find therein some things for edification and none of unjust censure—a path where he who rambles may escape the rocks and stones, and cliffs, and darksome caves forbidden, to sunlit ways, strewn with flowers gathered in other lands, whose beauty and fragrance shall elevate the soul to the adornment of life.

TO THE IMMORTAL DEAD !

" 'How fast they fall—those we have known,
As leaves from autumn branches blown
So quickly sear !
Yes, one by one they drop away,
As withered leaves that fall and stray
And disappear.' "

In regard to the action of the Grand Chapter in declining to become a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, he has this to say :

"However desirable it may be that Pennsylvania should have accepted the invitation extended to her by the General Grand Chapter of the United States to become a constituent part thereof, by welding her own golden link into the great United Chain of Royal Arch observance, yet from the unific standpoint, it is not unexpected that the traditions of the fathers and practice of sovereignty should prevail against the proffered union. Distinct individualism and solitariness are worthy preserving in this day and generation of centralization. The Grand Chapter of the Keystone State refused to place the capstone in the Royal Arch Union of American Chapters."

Comp. Edwards has written a very entertaining and instructive report on Correspondence, and devotes a half dozen pages of it to Pennsylvania. There are lots of good things in it but we are afraid we are taking more than our share of this report, for we haven't time enough to devote to it to write a short one.

He says of Grand High Priest Tennis :

“A large amount of visiting Subordinates, and opening schools of instruction during his term of office, attest the efficient services rendered by Companion Tennis, who was rewarded by a re-election.”

And of our Committee :

“The Correspondence report is the individual work and joint issue of five Companions, whose united work forms an elevation of much beauty.”

He closes his report by writing :

“To the five: Good night, and the Delaware is again crossed.”

Comp. Edwards, we wish we could cross the Delaware and come home, but we must visit New York and several other states before our share of the work is done.

The next annual Convocation will be held in Trenton, on Wednesday, May 8, 1895.

Comp. Thomas O. Ayres, of Orange, was elected the Grand High Priest, and Comp. George B. Edwards, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The volume containing the proceedings of the ninety-seventh annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, held in Albany, commencing on Tuesday, February 6th, 1894, contains three hundred and sixty-two pages, and we think is the largest volume of Grand Chapter Proceedings that is issued by any Grand Chapter.

It is embellished with steel portraits of the Grand High Priest, Comp. J. Leavitt Lambert and Past Grand High Priest, William Sherer.

When the Grand High Priest opened the Grand Chapter in ample form, and the roll of members was called, he found that in addition to his Grand Officers there were nine Past Grand High Priests present, and the representatives of one hundred and eighty-four out of the one hundred and eighty six Chapters in the State of New York.

Twenty-nine representatives of Grand Chapters were pres-

ent, but Comp. Claudius S. Roome, the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was not present to represent us.

In opening his address the Grand High Priest said :

“Through the protecting care of our Heavenly Father we are again permitted to assemble at this, the ninety-seventh annual convention of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and before entering upon a recital of official duty, allow me, as one of the Craftsmen of the Royal Art. to extend a personal greeting, and most cordially welcome you to this convention.

“It has been the privilege of many of us in the past to thus annually assemble, as each successive mark on the dial has recorded another year in the illustrious history of this venerable Body.

“We are rapidly approaching the centennial of the organization of this Grand Chapter, and the rounding of the cycle of a hundred years will show an era of great prosperity and advancement worthy of our Grand Body and of the Royal Craft.

“The record will be illumined with precious memories of those whose zeal, earnestness and ability have added to the brilliancy of the historic scroll ; whose labors of love have perpetuated the existence of this Grand Chapter ; whose loyalty to fraternal ties made them beloved companions of a loving household, and whose well remembered names are deeply engraven upon our hearts.

“We have assembled about our Holy Altar in this Tabernacle, where we have so often clasped hands in the bonds of kindly fellowship, not only to legislate for the interests of the Capitular Rite, and to consider such measures as may conduce to the welfare of the Royal Craft in the Empire State, but also to animate and encourage each other.”

In writing of the dead, he says :

“From the time when our first progenitor was driven from the Garden of Eden—from the time when the penalty for transgression was pronounced upon mankind, the affirmation, ‘dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return,’ has often, very often, been brought to our attention. While Almighty God has mercifully spared our lives and continued our health—while He has averted the destroyer from all our permanent and nearly all our constituent membership—nevertheless sombre shadows have fallen across our path ; it is therefore fitting that we fraternally remember those companions who have solved the problem of life and are now with the great majority.

“ ‘The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown.’ ”

Among the list of those who have been taken, he pays tributes to the following officers of Masonic Grand Bodies ;

William H. Wyman, Grand Steward of the Grand Council.

Zachariah Dederick, a member of the Building Committee of the Masonic Temple in New York City.

George Babcock, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery.

Richard T. Lockley, an officer of the Grand Council.

He pays a tribute to Past Grand High Priest Augustus R. Hall of our Grand Chapter.

He has the following to say in relation to the condition of Capitular Masonry in New York:

"I am gratified to report that the general condition of the Chapters throughout our jurisdiction is of the most satisfactory character, notwithstanding the fact that their growth has been seriously retarded in consequence of the business depression which has so generally prevailed during the past year."

He says their relations with the Grand Chapters throughout the world are of the most fraternal character.

Under Grand Representatives he has the following:

"Under date of December 13, 1893, M. E. Charles E. Meyer tendered his resignation as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near that of Pennsylvania, and the same was duly accepted.

"On January 25, 1894, upon the nomination of M. E. Edgar A. Tennis, Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, I appointed R. E. Charles Cary, the Grand Secretary, the representative of this Grand Chapter in that jurisdiction. The receipt of the commission tendering such appointment was acknowledged and the office duly accepted."

The Grand High Priest made a number of decisions during his year, but as we want to write of them after their adoption by the Grand Chapter, we will pass them by for the present.

We remember in writing this report a year ago of copying in its entirety the conclusion of the Grand High Priest's address and without any apology this year we feel that we must do it again.

It is as follows:

"Freemasonry endeavors to impress its teachings upon its disciples through allegories and instructive symbols. I, therefore, in conclusion, invite your attention to the following:

"During the fatal day when Vesuvius, at whose foot the city of Pompeii stood, burst into an eruption that shook the earth, poured torrents of lava from its riven sides, and discharged clouds of ashes which filled the air and produced a darkness deeper than midnight, causing men to think not only that the end of the world had come, but also that the Gods themselves were expiring—during that day a sentinel was on guard at the gate of the city which looked toward the mountain.

' Amid unimaginable confusion with shrieks of terror the inhabitants

fled, while the falling ashes filled the streets and covered the house tops, leaving no trace of the city, but a vast silent mound beneath which it lay buried for seventeen hundred years. In the midst of this fearful disorder the sentinel at the gate was forgotten; and as Rome required her soldiers, happen what might, to hold their posts until relieved, he was obliged to choose between dishonor or death.

"Pattern of fidelity! he stood at his post. Slowly, but surely the ashes rise on his manly form—now they reach his breast—and now, covering his nostrils, they stifle his breath. He also was faithful unto death; and after seventeen centuries his skeleton was found standing erect, clad in its rusty armor, the helmet on his empty skull, and his bony fingers still closed upon his spear.

"Companions, our Fraternity, like ancient Rome, expects that its votaries will be equally faithful in the discharge of their duties. Its obligations have been voluntarily assumed and cannot be recalled or laid aside. We have affirmed that our trust is in God—let us then guard our lips that we profane not His Holy Name. Our faith is in our Great Light—then let us practice the principles which it proclaims and which our symbols inculcate. It is the province of Religion, to show the way by which the creature may be reconciled to his Creator; while it is our privilege upon a lower but still a lofty plane to exemplify the duties we owe our fellow men, and thus, as individual Masons, we may consistently say:

"I live for those who love me,
For those I know are true—
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And waits my spirit too—
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do."

From the abstract of the returns of the subordinate Chapters we find the following in relation to the work done during the year:

Number exalted during the year.....	1,392
Number affiliated.....	124
Number restored to membership.....	138
Total increase.....	1,654
Number dimitted.....	233
Number suspended.....	490
Number expelled.....	2
Number died.....	280
Total decrease.....	1,005
Net increase.....	649

The total number of members is 18,344.

We find also from the grand Secretary's report that the cost

of printing the proceedings of 1893 was \$1,494.40, and the cost of their distribution \$140.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report from which we make the following extracts. They were all approved by the Grand Chapter:

"The decisions of the Grand High Priest, which have been referred to your Committee, are six in number:

"The *first*, *second* and *third* relate to the practice, which prevails in some portions of the jurisdiction, of taking a ballot upon a number of candidates collectively. This practice has grown up in Chapters in which a number of petitions are often considered at one and the same convocation. Separate ballots have been found to consume a large amount of valuable time. In such cases the High Priest has often announced, before the taking of the ballot that the petitions would be voted upon collectively, and that, in case the ballot should not be clear, then the petitions would be voted upon separately.

"Your Committee fails to find any satisfactory reason for condemning this practice, (when not interdicted by the by-laws of the Chapter), although, in cases where there is no great demand for time, they would deem the separate ballot preferable. Your Committee recommends that these decision of the Grand High Priest be approved by the Grand Chapter."

In Pennsylvania each applicant for the degrees and membership must be balloted for separately and collective ballots are never taken.

The fourth decision was as follows:

"Any and all business can be transacted at a Special Convocation, except such as is required by the Constitution to be transacted only at a Stated Convocation, provided notice thereof was given in the summons of such Special Convocation, and also that not less than nine members the Chapter are present."

The fifth decision in regard to the right of a High Priest to remove a Committee on Investigation and appoint a new one is certainly right, for the power that makes a committee can remove it, but the regulation that the Committee on Investigation shall not present its report earlier than the next convocation to be held after its appointment is a wise one. Anyhow, if none of the members of any investigating committee on a petition are present to report and a new Committee was appointed we do not see how they could well report at the same convocation if it was right to do so, for the old committee would certainly have the petition in their possession and a new committee would have nothing to report on.

"The *fifth* decision appears to have been made in a case (perhaps hypothetical) in which a petition for the degrees had been received by a Chapter at a regular convocation and referred to a Committee on Investigation. At the next regular convocation of the Chapter, all the Committee being absent, the question arose whether it was within the power of the High Priest to discharge the Committee and appoint a new one, and receive the report of the new Committee and spread the ballot at such convocation.

"The Grand High Priest decided that the High Priest of a subordinate Chapter can discharge a Committee on Investigation whenever he sees proper and appoint a new one, and that such new Committee may present its report at any time when it believes itself to be possessed of the information necessary for that purpose. In this decision your Committee concurs and therefore recommends its approval.

"The Grand High Priest very particularly calls attention to the fact that the Constitution is silent as to when the report of a Committee of Investigation shall be presented. The danger lies in the presentation of a report prematurely. To guard against such danger your Committee recommend the passage of a Grand Regulation prescribing that a Committee of Investigation shall not present its report earlier than the next convocation to be held after its appointment."

This regulation was adopted.

The following general regulations were adopted also, and as they are good ones we print them in full:

"General Regulation XXIX.

"In case it shall be found, after the preferment of charges and a trial, that any Chapter in this State has conferred the Capitular degrees for a less sum than that prescribed in the Constitution, or has attempted to evade the Constitutional provision by returning or agreeing to return, any portion of the fee at any time, the warrant of such Chapter shall be suspended for a definite or an indefinite time, or shall be forfeited, as may be determined by the Commission before which the trial shall be had; subject to the approval of the Grand High Priest.

General Regulation XXX.

"All petitioners for the Capitular degrees shall answer the following questions in writing before their petitions shall be presented to a Chapter, viz.:

"What is your age?

"Where were you born?

"Where do you reside?

"What is your occupation?

"Have you resided in the town, village or city in which you now reside for the four months last past?

"Have you ever, to your knowledge, been proposed and rejected as a candidate for the degrees in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons?

"If so, when and in what Chapter?

"Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Royal Arch Mason?

We make the following extract from the Committee on Memorials:

"The case of Comp. George Hawley, of Riverside Chapter, No. 256, has come to our knowledge as one worthy of mention here. He had been a Mason for fifty years when he received the Capitular degrees, and selected the number (50) as his appropriate mark. This companion deceased February 14, 1893, and at that time he was supposed to be the oldest Mason in the State. He was born July 12, 1800, and was made a Mason in Washington Lodge, No. 81, in 1822."

The address delivered before the Grand Chapter by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, February 7, 1894, follows the report of the Committee of Correspondence in the proceedings.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Comp. George J. Gardner, and one hundred and ninety pages is taken to tell the story of fifty-five Grand Chapters, and it is a report that shows an extraordinary amount of care and study.

We give a part of the introduction to his interesting report as follows:

"In presenting the Annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which embraces a review of the proceedings of every Grand Chapter in the United States and those of five foreign jurisdictions—a total of fifty Bodies—we congratulate the Royal Craft on the harmony which reigns everywhere throughout the land; wherever the sound of the gavel is heard, or, as our Pennsylvania Companions would say, the sceptre is wielded. No general complaint of disturbance of fraternal relations comes to us from any quarter, and but one or two committees on Grievances have reported local cases which required serious measures to adjudicate.

"The general financial depression which has affected trade and commerce throughout the country, has had its influence more or less upon the financial condition of the Craft, but, notwithstanding this, a healthy growth in membership has been maintained, and treasuries have not become depleted to any alarming extent.

"Within the past two years death has been unusually busy in the ranks of acting and Past Grand Officers, and especially among those of the body which we represent. Many bright and shining lights in the Masonic firmament have been extinguished, and many a man of mighty renown in Israel has fallen. Principal among them is our Supreme Chief, General Grand High Priest, Comp. Joseph Potts Horner, and of our own reportorial Guild, we number Dawkins, of Florida, Bain of North Carolina, Greene of Alabama, Patton, of Oregon, Brown of Kansas, Innes of Michigan, and others might be mentioned who were faithful co-workers with us in this especial branch of Masonic labor. They were all acknowledged writers of ability—well versed in the laws, usages, customs, rites and ceremonies of the Craft, and, departing, have

"Left behind them
Foot-prints on the sands of time."

Since the above was written Comp. Vehslage, of the New Jersey Correspondence Committee, has gone to his reward.

A half dozen pages are devoted to a fraternal review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

He commends the practice in our proceedings of indicating the names of parties praying for restoration, removal of suspension, etc., only by initials, and not giving them in full.

On the action of the Committee on Work and Jurisprudence on the resolutions presented by Columbia Chapter, No. 91, and Keystone, No. 175, Comp. Gardner says :

“The following report of a committee we extract for some one to interpret. To us it is as clear as mud. Our mental vision is not apt to be very densely clouded, but we fail to see the point in this paper.”

I believe, my dear Companion, I can make that plain to you. Prior to the edict issued on January 18, 1892, some subordinate Chapters printed on their notices of meetings the name, age, occupation and place of residence of all applications for the degrees or membership, and others did not. The edict of the Grand High Priest required that all Chapters should give that information on their notices. Resolutions were adopted by those two Chapters, asking the Grand Chapter to “permit the several Chapters and Mark Lodges under its jurisdiction to provide in their By laws as to what notice shall be given to their members of pending applications, whether for degrees or membership.” The Committee made a report that “such permission should not be granted, as it would be detrimental to the uniformity that should prevail throughout the jurisdiction, in the notices issued by the Chapters to the members, and also prevent the members from knowing who were being proposed to their Chapter, who were the recommenders or the committee appointed to make inquiry. The members of a Chapter are entitled to the fullest information in regard to applications for initiation and membership, or for membership only. Otherwise one of the safeguards against the admission of unworthy persons would be removed to the detriment of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. Now, is it clear to you ?

You have just written, Companion Gardner, that “our mental vision is not apt to be very densely clouded,” and any one

who reads your reports knows that, but you must wipe your "specs" and read our proceedings again.

You write this :

"We find they still maintain the same liberality of appropriating sums 'for expenses' to the two principal officers of the Grand Council, viz.: To the Grand High Priest, \$1,500 ; Deputy Grand High Priest, \$750."

Read that again and you will see the second item is for "Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests." This is to cover the expenses of the District Deputies in their visits to Subordinate Chapters and to the Grand Chapter.

We think your Grand Chapter very liberal with their appropriations to the Grand Lecturer, (we don't have *him*, and our District Deputies give instructions to subordinate Chapters), for your Organist, your Grand Chaplain, (we don't do that either), your Committee on Correspondence, (and if ours is not as good as yours, remember its only a labor of love), and, well, that is all we recall without looking for it again.

Long before this, Comp. Gardner, I hope you know the fault that New York was not reviewed last year was not ours, and we trust that when this report reaches you, and we hope it will soon, that we have a great deal of respect and regard for our "big" sister jurisdiction.

Comp. Frederick E. Barnes, New York, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina convened in its Forty-sixth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Charlotte, May 10, 1894, A. I., 2424.

Comp. Francis M. Moye, Grand High Priest, was in his station, and in commencing his address, he says :

"Taking a retrospective view, it seems but a short while, Companions, since our last Grand Convocation, yet a new page has been written in the history of Capitular Masonry in North Carolina. The labor of another year in the busy quarries of life is ended, and in the onward silent march of time we meet again in pleasant reunion, each bringing work for inspection, which we hope will pass the Grand Overseer's square

and be received as fit material to beautify and adorn that spiritual building, that temple which day by day we are erecting within ourselves."

He has the following to say of the condition of the "Order":

"In rendering an account of my official acts as Grand High Priest, I am able with becoming pride to state that the Order has made substantial progress the past year. The manifestations of a deeper interest in the work are unmistakable, and point, I am happy to say, to increased prosperity for the future. Three new Chapters have been organized during the year, and dispensations issued to revive two others, which for several years have been in a dormant condition. In my short experience as Grand High Priest, I have been deeply impressed with the possibilities of Capitular Masonry for good in the world, and I rejoice to-day more than ever before in the proud title of a Royal Arch Mason "the workman that needeth not be ashamed."

During the past year Comp. George Lampman, Grand Captain of the Host, was removed by death, and the Grand High Priest announced it to the companions by a circular letter.

The Grand High Priest granted a number of dispensations to ballot on petitions without waiting the usual time, and says:

"I do not approve of rapid transit in Masonry as it has been aptly termed, but I have not hesitated to exercise the prerogative conferred upon the Grand High Priest, when it was in my opinion for the good of the Order. In every case this has been the first and only consideration."

Three dispensations were granted for new Chapters and two to revive dormant ones.

He recommended that the fee for a dispensation to organize a Chapter be made fifty dollars instead of twenty-five dollars, as it had been. It was reported on favorably by the Committee to which it was referred, and adopted by the Grand Chapter.

He also recommended that the Grand Chapter assume control of the Cryptic Degrees, but in this the Grand Chapter did not agree with him, and adopted the following report of the special committee to which it had been referred:

"The special committee to which was referred that portion of the M. E. G. H. P.'s address relating to the Cryptic Degrees, have carefully considered the same, and submit the following:

"The M. E. G. H. P. has evidently given this matter careful and thoughtful consideration, and presents reasons for the position taken by

him, that your committee would gladly endorse if they believed they could do so consistent with law and custom, and to the best interests of the Order, and especially to the Degrees in question. They are constrained, however, in the light of past experience to differ with our distinguished Companion.

"The departure from the law and custom of nearly a century was made some six or seven years ago, with results that came near destroying these degrees, and added much confusion in the different Chapters of the State.

"This Grand Chapter is now under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that body does not claim to exercise authority over the Cryptic Degrees. It would therefore seem inconsistent on the part of this Grand Chapter to attempt to exercise jurisdiction over degrees that are not controlled by the Supreme Body.

"Again, perhaps not one tenth of the Grand Chapters in this country claim or exercise control over the Cryptic Degrees, and not one of those that do, are in harmony with the General Grand Chapter of the United States on this question.

"Your Committee, therefore, recommend that no action be taken by this Grand Chapter looking to the assumption of control of the Cryptic Degrees of Masonry.

A resolution was adopted providing that the Grand Chapter of North Carolina hereafter grant no Charter to a Chapter named after a living man.

The report of a special Committee was adopted recognizing the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.

A carefully prepared Report on Correspondence, comprising over ninety pages, is written by Comp. James Southgate, and about two pages and a half are given to a review of Pennsylvania.

We want to set Comp. Southgate right on one question. In his review of Pennsylvania he says :

"It is held in this Jurisdiction that, 'no one is eligible to the office of Grand Representative, unless he be a Past High Priest, who is in possession of the order of High Priesthood.' It is held also, that a representative 'should never be required to leave the room because not in possession of all the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry.' We do not clearly comprehend the last sentence above quoted—unless it refers to the fact that in Pennsylvania the Past Master degree is conferred by the Master of the Lodge and has no place in the Chapter. It may mean a Representative can remain in a chapter or a Grand Chapter although the order of High Priesthood has not been conferred, that being considered a degree in the Chapter. We know of none in North Carolina and we would suppose it will be a difficult matter to find a regulation representative in this State."

The Order of High Priesthood is only conferred on companions who have been elected High Priests, and during the

installation of a Grand High Priest or the exemplification of the Order of High Priesthood in the Grand Chapter, all not in possession of the Order of High Priesthood must leave the room. That is the reason.

The next annual convocation will be held at Durham, on May 16, 1895.

Comp. Henry I. Clark, of Hamilton, was elected Grand High Priest and Comp. Horace H. Munson, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The twenty-fourth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland), was held in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, A. D., 1893, A. I., 2423.

Comp. William B. Alley, Grand High Priest was in his station and five Past Grand High Priests were present in addition to the Grand Officers and Representatives of several Chapters, and a number of Grand Chapters, but we fail to find Comp. Dakin, our representative in the list of those reported as being present.

After welcoming the members of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest said:

"A year ago you did me the great honor of making me the executive head of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. The manner in which I endeavored to discharge the duties connected with the office, I shall now, as concisely as possible, endeavor to set before you, and while I do not ask or expect to escape the friendly criticisms to which all who occupy the position should be subjected, still I feel constrained to remind you that one of the grandest features taught by the noble precepts of our craft, is that which admonishes us to exercise the utmost leniency when called upon to judge of the shortcomings of a Companion."

The address of the Grand High Priest was on matters of local interest only, and in fact their whole proceedings, while of great interest to their own members, contained nothing of special import to the Companions outside of their own jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest paid a number of visits, and in his report he makes a detailed statement of his visits to each Chapter, their membership, financial condition, etc.

We copy the following from his address on a *Masonic Fair* to show principally how we don't do things in Pennsylvania :

"In August last I was requested by a committee composed of representatives from all the Masonic bodies in Halifax to give my sanction to the holding of a Masonic Charity Fair and Bazaar, under the auspices of the Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, conjointly with other Masonic bodies in this Province. I did so promptly and readily, attended several of the meetings and instructed the Grand Secretary to notify the various Chapters in the jurisdiction of my action, and requesting them to give the project their countenance and support. I have also spoken of it while visiting several of our Chapters, and I hope and trust that all our Companions will take a lively interest in it, as it is a noble and determined effort to reduce the debt—let us hope it may be eminently successful—on this building—a matter in which, I trust, we are all deeply interested."

We give the following statement of their membership and the work done during the past year :

Members last report	550
Exalted	86
Affiliated	2
Suspended	4
Dimitted	20
Missing	2
Died	10
Present membership	561

There is no report on correspondence.

The next grand convocation will be held in New Glasgow in June, 1895.

Comp. William B. Alley, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Alexander Ross, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

One of the handsomest volumes of proceedings of any of the Grand Chapters is the one printed and sent out by the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and the proceedings for 1894 are in keeping with former ones, and tells us of the seventy-eighth annual convocation which was held in Columbus, on September 19 and 20, 1894.

It just takes three hundred and twenty-three pages to give all the information they have for the Capitular Masons of the world.

From the report of the Committee on Credentials we learn

that all the Grand Officers, but one, were present, seven Past Grand High Priests, representatives of one hundred and thirty-nine subordinate Chapters, and of twenty-nine Grand Chapters.

Our own Representative, Comp. James W. Iredell, Jr., was not present.

A fine portrait of the Grand High Priest, Comp. Orestes O. B. Senter, is given as a frontispiece to this volume.

He opens his address by saying :

“With fraternal greetings we assemble to begin the labors of the Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. As we have reverently listened to the words of our Grand Chaplain, as he has asked for the blessings of our Divine Father upon our deliberations, we are impressed with the responsibilities of our duties, as we legislate for the welfare of the Companions of the Royal Arch in our State.”

He continues :

“We grieve because of the departure from this life of many of the Companions of our Chapters, some of whom were honored by official positions, while others, although not distinguished as office bearers, were as fully beloved by their Companions.

“While we mourn their loss to our Chapters, yet we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.”

Then follows a list of one hundred and eighty-eight companions who had died during the year, that were members of their Chapters, and also a number of distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, mention being made of Past Grand High Priest, Augustus R. Hall, of Pennsylvania.

From among the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and his decisions were all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we extract the following :

As to a query as to whether the officers of a Chapter who were all re-elected, should be installed. He decided :

“It is as necessary to install the officers of your Chapter as it was to elect them.”

“If a Companion Royal Arch Mason, a non-affiliate, has a certificate from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio restoring him to the rights and benefits of Symbolic Masonry, he is also entitled to a certificate from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, upon recommendation of your Chapter restoring him to the rights of Capitular Masonry,

but not to membership in any Chapter. Should he wish to join any Chapter, he can present his petition accompanied by the certificate, the Chapter to act upon it as it would upon a dimit."

A High Priest wrote as follows :

"I have a candidate for the degrees conferred in Chapter, and his petition has been received and acted on, and he has been elected to receive the Mark Degree. He resides here, has a family, and is a passenger conductor on a railroad train in Michigan. He will be here on the coming week to spend a few days, and would like to have all the degrees conferred on him while he is here. He is a good man, and I would like very much to accommodate him. Can I do so?"

The following is a copy of my reply :

"The law of the Grand Chapter bearing upon the subject will be found on page 45. proceedings of 1890: 'All the degrees except the Royal Arch, may be conferred on an applicant on the same day.' Hence, you can regularly call two special meetings for the purpose you desire, the meetings to be held on different days. At the first meeting confer all the degrees except Royal Arch; at the other meeting, on the following or some other day, confer the Royal Arch Degree."

"A High Priest of a Chapter should not loan the property of a Chapter without first obtaining its consent."

"Decision No 198. 'A companion who is engaged in retailing liquors in a saloon is guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and therefore subject to the discipline of the Chapter.' (Pro. 1891, p. 13.)"

In the course of his address, he stated that there are 780,000 Masons in the United States, and 2,250,000 in the world.

He also says, that "notwithstanding the general depression in business, our Chapters have been fairly prosperous."

In concluding his address he writes :

"I return to my associate Grand Officers my thanks for their cordial support and assistance in the discharge of my official duties. I especially commend our Grand Secretary. I have always found him prompt and efficient, and with wise forethought he has anticipated the business of the Grand Chapter by preparing in advance all matters possible in connection with his office, so that you will not be retarded in the transaction of your business."

"And to you, Companions, I return my grateful acknowledgements for the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me by electing me to your highest office. And while I feel deeply grateful to those Companions who desire to continue me in this office for another year, yet, as I look upon the faces of so many Companions who are eminently worthy and able to serve you in any official capacity, and have not been so honored, I feel that it is due to them, that those of us who have been so honored should make way for them."

"While it is perfectly proper for us to be ambitious, and endeavor to qualify ourselves for official positions, yet they are not the chief end of our fellowship, it is far more important that we hold places of esteem and affection in the hearts of our Companions, and to that end, I assure you, I shall constantly aspire."

We take the following summary from the Grand Secretary's report :

No. of Chapters on register of Grand Chapter,	146
No. of Chapters under dispensation,	1
	— 147
No. of Chapters reporting this year,	146
No. of Chapters not reporting this year,	1
	— 147

RECAPITULATION.

No. of members at close of year, August 31, 1893,	13,110
" " omitted,	33
" " exalted,	727
" " admitted,	90
" " reinstated,	131
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Deduct—	14,091
No. of members withdrawn,	144
" " died,	188
" " suspended, non-payment of dues,	371
" " " un-Masonic conduct,	11
" " expelled,	4
	— 718
Present membership,	13,373
Net increase,	263

The sum of \$2000.00 was donated to the Masonic Home.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter present to the Companions of Columbus their heartfelt thanks for the splendid hospitality with which they have welcomed the members of this Grand Body, and more particularly to the ladies of Columbus, whose kind assiduity has made this annual convocation a time of especial pleasure to the ladies accompanying us."

"*Resolved*. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare, have printed and distributed to the subordinate bodies of this Grand Chapter, a uniform system of keeping the records of said Chapters, the same to be approved by the Grand High Priest before dissemination."

In the abstract of the returns of the subordinate Chapters,

printed in the appendix, we find they give the names suspended and expelled.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. S. Stacker Williams, and comprises one hundred and eighty-one pages.

The first ten pages are devoted to a historical sketch of Royal Arch Masonry and is a continuation of, or "a few further remarks," as he puts it, to the historical sketch he gave last year, but alas, that copy of the proceedings never turned up, and right here, Comp. Williams we want to answer your speech saying "we feel like scolding Comp. Lyte for not reviewing our proceedings for 1893."

As we wrote a few lines further up on this page we never saw your proceedings for 1893, and that is about the best reason we can give for missing you. We are in trouble all the time. Last year we had to apologize to New York, this year to you (Ohio), and next year we suppose we will catch it from Oregon, for they have failed to arrive up to the present time.

Comp. Williams devotes fifteen pages to Pennsylvania, and gives in full the communication sent by the General Grand Chapter, to our Grand Chapter, as well as the report of the Committee to whom it was referred.

He takes exceptions to the term Ancient York Mason in the report of the Committee and refers to the historical sketch which was introductive to his report last year, but as we said twice before that report didn't turn up.

In regard to the trouble between one of our Chapters and the New Jersey Chapter, he has this to say in regard to Comp. Tennis' remarks :

"Now, if this service had been *without the request* of the New Jersey Chapter, it would then have been a voluntary act of charity on the part of Allen Chapter of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and the remarks and decision of the Grand High Priest would have been in accordance with our views. even to his castigation of the ungrateful Cataract Chapter. But *when the request* was made by Cataract Chapter of Allen Chapter, and complied with by it, however full of love the hearts of the companions of Allen Chapter may have been, yet *the case* was stripped of its charitable character and became a contract between the two Chapters, and honor and justice demand that reimbursement be made to Allen Chapter of money *necessarily expended* in the case. We defend our position in advance against the argument that at the request of a weak body in the country a city body sometimes incurs enormous, extravagant and unnecessary expenses, which the country body is unable to meet, by the observation that unless specially authorized, extravagant outlays

should not be made. In the case in hand, in the absence of proof to the contrary, we must believe that the expenses incurred were by authority of Cataract Chapter and were within the bounds of reason."

But under New Jersey Comp. Williams, you will find none of this matter.

He has the following to say about the chairman of our committee :

"An interesting introduction was written by the chairman, whom we presume was M. E. Matthias H. Henderson. We get our first impression that it is he from the fact that his name comes first, or at the head of the committee. Then he confirms us in that opinion by pointing out the fact that we made two mistakes in spelling his name. He is right as to the mistakes and we are right as to the chairman. So even if the printing of our proceedings did get into poor hands last year, in spite of our protest—the whole job bungled—and we not permitted an opportunity to read the proof of our report, we now seize upon this morsel of consolation, that after all our tribulation the printer lead the way to the discovery of the companion who wrote the aforesaid introduction. That he forgave us in advance is a favor we appreciate, and as we now charge upon him that his promise that the volume of our proceedings in which appeared the bad spelling should be reviewed by a member of his committee, has not been redeemed, we promise forgiveness of this neglect upon receipt of a volume of his proceedings for 1894 in which there is a review of ours for the same year, and we guarantee ours shall go to his Grand Secretary in ample time."

But, Comp. Williams, there are lots of good things in your report, for it is one of the best reports that is written by any committee, but I am afraid the balance of our committee will think I am taking much more of the space of this report than is my share, and I'll have to leave you, and, anyhow, the clock is just striking the hour of midnight.

The next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held at Cleveland, September 11, 1895.

Comp. Gibson H. Robinson was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Charles C. Kiefer, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The seventeenth annual convocation was held in Montreal, January 30, A. D., 1894, A. I. 2424

M. E., Albert D. Nelson, Grand Z., presiding.

Ten Chapters and eighteen Grand Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand Z. commences with :

"It is the unexpected that usually happens. Twelve months ago another R. E. Companion, whom we all esteem, was elected as my successor as Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, but the most High ordered otherwise, and before our Grand First Principal-elect could take his oath of office, death removed him from our midst."

And gives his action in consequence of the deaths of the Grand Z. and Grand J. which we noted in our report for 1893.

He gives the gratifying statement:

"There has been nothing to disturb our harmony during the past twelve months, and no official decision has been required of me.

"I am pleased to report quite an increase in the membership, and consequently more interest is shown in the various Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter having adopted the work of the Grand Chapter of Canada some years ago, the Grand Z. appointed a committee to examine the new edition of that work and report upon the changes therein.

The committee reported : "That having examined said work they see no radical alterations that would prevent this Grand Chapter from procuring copies and issuing them to our Chapters." The report of the committee was adopted.

We suppose the happy time will never come in some jurisdictions when the work will not be in danger of being exposed to the profane by its publication, and when it will be allowed to stand as originally adopted.

The Grand Z. refers to the unusual afflictions of the Grand Chapter during the past twelve months, and sorrowfully speaks of the dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

From the report of the Grand Scribe E., we learn :

"The subordinate Chapters are all clear on the books of Grand Chapter at this date with the exception of a small balance due only by ——— Chapter from the previous year."

The Committee on Finance and Benevolence reported : The balance to the credit of the general fund to be \$351.14, a gain of \$34.31 during the year ; to the credit of the Benevolent Fund to be \$659.95, a gain of \$23.55.

From the "Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Chapters

to December 31st, 1893," we learn that the additions to the membership were 47; withdrawals, 10; suspensions, 16; deaths, 6; net gain, 15; total number of members, 443.

The proceedings are neatly printed. Four memorial pages are given—three to the dead of their own jurisdiction and one to sister jurisdictions.

Obituary minutes are given of Comps. Edwin Ruthven Johnson, Grand Z.-elect, and James Frederic Walker, Grand Third Principal J.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, who reviews the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, in his usual pleasant manner, commenting, when he thinks comment necessary, and expressing his own opinions decidedly.

Under Missouri he comments as follows on the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest:

"Comp. Parson tells us in his annual address, that he declined to grant a dispensation to elect a King in place of one who had died, 'as our law' (to use his own words) 'does not allow an officer to resign or die during his official term.' There is a higher law than that to which Comp. Parson would here appear to appeal, and we need not remind him that he might as well prohibit the ebb and flow of the tides, as to talk other than flippantly of the death of companions in office, as being unallowable by law. We may, perhaps, be asked where we carry our sense of humor. In dealing with so solemn a matter as the death of loved companions, flippancy and humor are to us, perfectly unknown qualities."

And again under Montana:

"It is none of our business to offer our opinion as to the action of the Grand Chapter of Montana in doing away with the Grand Representative system, but we may at least express some little surprise at the admission by a body not only claiming to be a Sovereign Grand Chapter, but generally recognized as such by sister Grand Chapters, that it is, after all, 'only a limited sovereignty.' And so this is the effect of owing allegiance to a General Grand Chapter!"

He reviews Pennsylvania for 1892, quoting from M. E. Grand High Priest Morgan's, address his remarks condemning the practice of calling upon Past High Priests to relieve the officers of chapters from conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry, prefacing the quotation with the remark: "The following is doubtless appropriate to Chapters nearer home than those of Philadelphia."

He closes his notice of Pennsylvania with the remark :

“ There is a report on Foreign Correspondence which is a composite piece of work, and that accounts for a good deal.”

Thanks !

In conclusion, he says : “ The foregoing may be the last report of the kind from the present writer,” he having been elected and installed Grand Z.

M. E., E. T. D. Chambers, Grand Z.; M. E., Will H. Whyte, Grand Scribe E.

TEXAS.

The forty-fifth grand annual convocation was held in the city of Houston, December 4, A. D., 1894, A. I., 2424.

Frank Nuson, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Ninety chapters and thirty-three Grand Chapters represented, among them Pennsylvania, by Comp. B. R. Abernathy.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address which refers particularly to the affairs of his own jurisdiction.

In speaking of the fraternal dead he especially mentions two, Comp. W. B. Botts, Past High Priest of Chapter No. 2 and Comp. Philip C. Tucker, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1864 and 1865, eulogizing them as men and Masons.

He describes the condition of the craft as follows:

“It is gratifying to me to be able to report that we have prospered and while our numerical gains have not been as great as would have been expected under more favorable circumstances, the manifestations of a deeper interest in the work has been very apparent among the members of our Chapters.”

He issued a dispensation for three new Chapters which were duly organized and constituted five Chapters to whom charters have been granted at the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, all by proxy.

Three Chapters were set to work under restored charters and three dispensations to resume and one to continue labor were issued.

He granted authority to three Chapters to publicly install their officers. We do not allow Chapters to seek to advertise themselves in this or any other manner.

He withdrew from the exercise of the authority granted by Grand Chapter to organize Chapters on Mexican soil on account of a communication from the High Priest of a Chapter U. D., organized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in the City of Mexico, believing it to be in harmony with the Grand Dieta Symbolica of Mexico.

We cannot see any ground for the recognition of the Grand Dieta Symbolica, either directly or indirectly, by Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

From his numerous decisions we quote one which accords with our law

“Answer—The High Priest was right; suspension in the Blue Lodge works suspension in the Chapter, and the High Priest having satisfactory information that a Companion has been suspended by his Blue Lodge should cause it to be made a matter of record and the Chapter should refuse him Masonic recognition until re-instated by his Lodge, when he would be reinstated by his Chapter without any action of the Chapter.”

The decision was approved.

The practice of allowing a member of a Chapter to be at the same time a member of a Chapter U. D. calls for several decisions. When the charter is granted to the new Chapter the members of the Chapter U. D. become members of the new Chapter, neglect on their part to notify the Secretary of the Chapter to which they formerly belonged of their change of membership frequently causes trouble for non-payment of dues. When the Grand High Priest is appealed to to relieve them from the consequences of their own neglect.

From this source of trouble our Grand High Priests are spared, our law requiring the dimits of all petitions for a warrant for a new Chapter to accompany the petition, hence we have no members of two Chapters at the same time.

Among the decisions we note some where the results of violations of the organic law and the by-laws are healed, the writer speaking for himself believes that the fewer violations of law that are condoned the better for the welfare of the Craft that healing offences simply increases the tendency to the violation of law and lessens the respect of the Companions for the binding force of the law.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that there are now upon the roll 127 living Chapters, of these 17 have

done no work during the year; 58 show gain; 42 show a loss; 21 have held their own, and 6 have not reported.

The largest membership is 131, the largest number of degrees conferred by any one Chapter during the year is 95.

A synopsis of all the returns shows the following:

521 exalted; 124 affiliations; 24 re-instatements; 303 dismissions; 135 suspensions; 6 expulsions and 114 deaths. Present membership, 5681, showing a net gain of 251.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is good. The committee appointed to visit the General Grand Chapter and ascertain upon what terms and under what conditions the General Grand Chapter would receive the Grand Chapter of Texas, presented their report, accompanied by the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter upon the memorial of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

When the following resolutions were read and adopted by an overwhelming majority:

Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas returns its thanks to the General Grand Chapter of the United States for its courtesy to the committee of this Grand Chapter, which visited that body in Topeka in August last.

Resolved, That while entertaining the highest respect and most cordial brotherly feeling for the Royal Arch Masons who are members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, as well as for all those Grand Chapters which acknowledge its jurisdiction and supremacy, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas deems it inexpedient to surrender its own sovereignty as an independent Masonic body, and believes that the true interests of Capitular Masonry will be best promoted by adhering to the action it has already taken toward the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

The Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized.

The proceedings form a neat volume.

Memorial pages are devoted to the dead of their own and other jurisdictions.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is made by Comp. John L. Terrell in which he reviews the proceeding of forty-nine Grand Chapters, Pennsylvania included.

We have read this report with a good deal of satisfaction, having opinions of his own he does not hesitate to express them, notwithstanding this is his first report.

He devotes three and a half pages to Pennsylvania, quoting from the address of Grand High Priest, Edgar A. Tennis, and

commenting upon whatever does not accord with his views upon the usages and customs of Capitular Masonry. He considers a decision that there is no such thing as jurisdiction in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania strange law, and thinks the Chapter nearest the applicant's residence should have a voice in his admission.

We can inform him that the Chapter nearest the applicant's residence must always be inquired of before his admission, and in addition, we can assure him that there is no danger of the women of Pennsylvania traveling the Capitular road with the halt, the lame and the blind, on the sole ground of moral fitness.

He asks :

“Are we to understand that the Grand High Priest, in Pennsylvania, is installed at the end of his term, and then only in the presence of a select few?”

It is customary in this jurisdiction to re-elect the Grand High Priest, giving him two terms. Our law is that an officer is installed for the year only for which he was elected, if re-elected, he must be re-installed for the new year. As the order of High Priesthood is a part of the installation of a High Priest in Pennsylvania, it will be readily seen why all not in possession of it retire when the Grand High Priest is installed. He quotes the resolutions adopted by Grand Chapter declining to unite with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and says.

“If, in our opinion, Texas was entirely without the pale of the General Grand Chapter as Pennsylvania is, then we would willingly say as Pennsylvania does.”

He agrees with our law that membership in the Chapter is dependent upon membership in the Lodge.

In this he differs from his Grand Chapter, which does not make membership in the Lodge a requisite for membership in the Chapter.

In commenting upon our use of the sceptre and not the gavel, he says :

“The sceptre is worn by the High Priest as the insignia of his office, but he can't use it for giving the batteries.”

In Pennsylvania the sceptre is not worn by the High Priest as the insignia of his office, and "The stroke of the M. E. Grand High Priest's sceptre commands order, and then all the Companions must be seated, and silence enforced."

He suggests that trio be used by our Pennsylvania Companions who do not admire the word team—we use neither of them, believing that the expressions used in other societies should be left where they belong.

Under New Jersey, in speaking of the waiver of jurisdiction by the Grand High Priest of New Jersey and Pennsylvania to a Chapter in another State, to receive and act upon the petition of a resident of their own States, he says : "It occurs to us that this is something out of the usual line and very extraordinary."

With us a Chapter has not the power to waive jurisdiction to a Chapter in another State, all such action must proceed through the Grand Officers of the respective Grand Jurisdictions, and is granted only after due inquiry into propriety of granting the privilege.

John K. Stone, Grand High Priest ; George Lopas, Jr., Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Seventy seventh Annual Convocation was held in the City of Burlington, Friday, June 15th, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424, M. E. Myron J. Horton, Grand High Priest, presiding. Twenty-three Chapters and twenty-six Grand Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we take the following :

"I bid you all a cordial and fraternal welcome. Assembled as you are upon the threshold of another Grand Convocation, it affords me much pleasure to assure you that no disturbing element has arisen during the year to interrupt that peace, harmony and prosperity so beautifully pervading our entire jurisdiction at the close of the official labors of my esteemed predecessor.

"The fair field of the past has been so fragrant with the blossoms of love and the flowers of obedience, that I should scarce find it necessary to address you at this time were it not a constitutional requirement.

"Since our last Annual Convocation, thirty of our beloved Companions have been called to taste the bitter cup of death, that great leveler of all human greatness, from whose ravages none may escape. They were men of the highest character, respected and loved."

He then gives a list of the dead of his own and Sister Grand Jurisdictions; and adds:

"It is a pleasure to state that our relations with all sister jurisdictions has been most cordial and fraternal during the year, and peace and prosperity abound within our own borders."

Under the head of visitations he speaks of the Chapters that need to be visited by some one competent to give instruction and advice; and adds:

"I believe it will be for the advancement and best interest of the Royal Craft if the actual expenses of the District Deputy Grand High Priest in making such visitations, be paid from the funds of this Grand Chapter."

The report of the District Deputies shows that they have been faithful and untiring in the discharge of their duties, and the success of the past year is largely due to their pains-taking labors.

From the report of the Committee on Finance, we learn that the balance on hand is \$4390.01; a gain of \$181.88 during the year.

Also the following:

"Your committee would recommend that, when the condition of any Chapter would be benefitted by the visitation of the District Deputy Grand High Priest or a Grand Officer, the actual expense of such visitation be paid by the Grand Treasurer on approval of the M. E. Grand High Priest."

A step forward in the right direction.

Exalted, 91; admitted, 8; re instated, 4; died, 30; dimitted, 9; suspended 4; expelled, 2; present membership, 2581.

The proceedings are published in a neat and attractive form. Four memorial pages are devoted to the dead of other jurisdictions, among them M. E. Augustus R. Hall, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and one to their own dead.

Comp. Marsh O. Perkins presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of forty-two Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and those of two other American Jurisdictions in an able and courteous manner.

Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice.

In reviewing this jurisdiction he quotes liberally from the report of the committee to which was referred the invitation of the General Grand Chapter to unite with it, and also from the address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. Edgar A. Tennis.

He is inclined to agree with him that Grand Representatives are of no practical benefit whatever.

And in quoting the conclusion of his address characterizes it as "one of the most interesting we have yet found upon our table."

M. E., Myron J. Horton, Grand High Priest ; R. E., Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The eighty-seventh annual convocation was held in the city of Richmond, November 13, A. D., 1894, A. I., 2424.

John Thomas Carter, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

Twenty three Chapters and six Grand Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, beginning with :

"Under the Providence of God we have assembled in our eighty-seventh grand annual convocation, to review the past year, and deliberate upon such matters as tend to the advancement and progress of Capitular Masonry. We should be thankful that nothing has occurred to disturb the peace and harmony of our grand jurisdiction.

"I have heard from a number of the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and from their reports the Chapters, with a few exceptions, are in a flourishing condition. This is especially the case in the Ninth District, where the Southwestern Royal Arch School of Instruction is annually held. While we have this cause for rejoicing, we are called upon to mourn. Death has again invaded our household. M. E., Francis H. Hill, Past Grand High Priest, a Mason of high moral character, sterling worth, and endowed with superior skill in Royal Arch Masonry, passed to his reward on the 28th of January last. We mourn his death as a great loss to our institution."

He regrets his inability to visit any of the chapters, business engagements having taken all of his time.

Under Schools of Instruction, after praising the work of the Southwestern School of Instruction, he adds :

"I therefore recommend that, as a means of encouraging the Companions in this laudable enterprise, the Grand Chapter make an appro-

priation to assist in defraying the expenses of this and any other such schools as may hereafter be organized, believing this to be the most effectual and economical way of disseminating the work."

He gives the following decisions :

"I decided that a chapter could not entertain the petition for membership of a non-affiliate Master Mason."

"That a chapter in this jurisdiction could not confer the Council Degrees upon Royal Arch Masons holding membership in Chapters in other jurisdictions in which said degrees are not conferred."

"That a chapter could not confer the Capitular Degrees upon a Master Mason under twenty one years of age who had received the Master's Degree in England."

Looking at these decisions from our point of view we agree with them. The first we consider good law, also the third.

The second right. Our chapters as such have no knowledge of the Council Degrees

He ends his address with :

"I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere sorrow for the continued illness of our beloved Grand Secretary, whose wise counsels would have enabled me to have managed the important matters committed to me in a manner far more satisfactory to myself. I am sure that I voice the sentiments of the whole Fraternity in hoping for his speedy restoration to health and strength."

The following resolutions, among others, were adopted :

"That — Chapter, No. —, be revived and reinstated, and past dues be remitted."

"That membership in some Blue Lodge, or a regular excuse under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from such membership, is prerequisite to membership in any Chapter in this jurisdiction."

The following interrogatory and resolution was made and adopted :

"If a Master Mason should be suspended or expelled, and after an appeal to the Grand Lodge, be reinstated to the rights and benefits of Masonry, does it reinstate him to membership in the Chapter?"

"*Resolved*, That the answer be in the negative."

This is nearly our regulation with the following exception : Should Grand Lodge set aside the action of the Lodge and re-

store the Master Mason to membership in his Lodge, such restoration would restore him to membership in the Chapter, but if Grand Lodge only restored him to good Masonic standing it would not.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we learn that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter is good.

Three chapters were suspended for failure to make returns.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was recognized.

Exalted, 197; affiliated, 40; deaths, 34; reinstated, 6; withdrawn, 79; expelled, 1; suspended for unmasonic conduct, 2; suspended N. P. D., 28; membership per returns, 2,350.

The proceedings are published in a neat pamphlet. One memorial page is devoted to Comp. Francis Henry Hill, Past Grand High Priest, and one to the dead of the jurisdiction.

There is no report on correspondence.

Considerable space is devoted to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, the proceedings of the Convention of High Priests, and lists of the officers and members of the Chapters in the jurisdiction.

M. E., George W. Poe, Grand High Priest; E., William B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

Proceedings at a Quarterly Communication held in Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 1894.

M. E. Comp. Major F. W. Allan, Grand J., as Grand Z.

The minutes of Supreme Chapter were confirmed.

The minutes of the Supreme Committee were confirmed, with the exception of a part of a paragraph which it was moved be deleted.

The following, among other recommendations of the Supreme Committee, were unanimously agreed to:

“That Grand Scribe E's salary be increased by £25 per annum.

“That it be an instruction to Subordinate Chapters that all candidates for exaltation, who are regular Mark Master Masons, be affiliated in the Mark Degree in the Chapter before admission to the Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees.

“That a Charter be granted to a Chapter at Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia.

“That Comp. Thos. Thorson, Canton South Dakota, U. S. A., be ap-

pointed Grand Representative at the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
“That Comp. R. J. Jamieson, Z. 1, be recommended for appointment as Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.”

Presents consisting of the published proceedings of six Grand Chapters, U. S. A., were presented, and the thanks of Supreme Grand Chapter voted therefor.

In the report of the re-opening of “Hope” Chapter, Arbroath, formerly No. 9 on the Roll of Chapters, we find the following which we extract to show the differences of law and custom existing in different jurisdictions:

“In obedience to the warrant of Supreme Grand Chapter, I have the honour to report that on Wednesday, 21st Feb., I proceeded to Arbroath, and within the Picture Gallery of the Public Hall Building there, I opened at 7 P. M., the Provincial Grand Chapter of Angus and Mearns. I was accompanied by the whole of my Office-bearers and by numerous deputations. * * * Ex-Provost A. D. Anderson, past Z of ‘Hope’ Chapter No. 9, was also present, representing the Petitioners for reponal. I read the warrant, and everything being in order, I declared the ‘Hope’ Chapter, No. 9, opened, and now report to Supreme Chapter for its formal reponal, and restoration to its former place on the Roll.

“Thereafter, under the authority of said Chapter, Past Principal, A. D. Anderson moved, and Comp Barrie seconded, the adoption of petitions of one hundred and twenty-two members of ‘St. Vigean’s,’ ‘St. Thomas’ and ‘Panmure’ Lodges, Arbroath, all craving membership of ‘Hope’ Chapter, and fees being all paid, the degrees of Mark, Excellent and Royal Arch were conferred, * * * the whole ceremony being greatly admired. Thereafter, two affiliates were duly obligated, and the newly restored Chapter proceeded to elect office bearers. On March 21st I propose to install them. The proceedings ended at 11.30 P. M., and thereafter the whole of the deputations were entertained to supper by the members of the ‘Hope’ Chapter.

“The Acting Grand Z. declared the said Chapter duly reponed and restored to its former position on the roll of Supreme Chapter.”

The Supreme Committee, composed of the four Grand Principals, Grand Treasurer and fifteen Companions, who are elected by the Grand Chapter, (five each year) has charge of the business of the Grand Chapter, and its recommendations appear to be generally adopted.

The following motions were unanimously agreed to:

1. “That it shall be competent for any Prov. Grand Chapter abroad to nominate and appoint a Proxy Prov. Grand Superintendent, who may vote and act in Supreme Grand Chapter with the same powers as the Prov. Grand Superintendent whom he represents,” with the addition of the words, ‘and that Proxy Prov. Grand Superintendents so appointed shall pay the same fees as are exigible from Prov. Grand Superintendents.’

The honor of being a Proxy must be considered worth paying for.

2. "That the degree of Installed Master in the Mark Degree shall be conferred only upon the Principals Z and Past Principals Z of Royal Arch Chapters, and the Masters and Past Masters of Mark Master Lodges holding a separate warrant from the Supreme Grand Chapter; and the names of all Principals Z, and Master of Mark Master Lodges so installed shall be transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. for registration in the books of Supreme Grand Chapter, and they shall be supplied with a diploma on payment of the prescribed fee.

3. "That a fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be charged for a Diploma on parchment for Installed Master in the Mark Degree."

The Degree of Installed Master in the Mark Degree is one with which we are not familiar.

The proceedings contain reports from the Provincial Grand Chapters, showing the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Provinces, in all of them the reports show peace and prosperity.

The funds both General and Charity appear to be in a good condition.

Five new Charters were granted.

One Chapter was re-opened.

Lists are published of the officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter and of the Chapters and their Proxies, also the fees collected from each Chapter for the year ending Feb. 21st, 1894.

The Earl of Haddington, First Grand Principal; Robert S. Brown, Grand Scribe E.

WASHINGTON.

The Tenth Annual Convocation was held at Colfax, September 12th and 13th, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424., M. E. John W. Bean, Grand High Priest, presiding,

Fourteen Chapters and seven Grand Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, from the opening paragraph of which we quote the following;

"Throughout this Grand Jurisdiction perfect peace and harmony everywhere prevails and our fraternal relations with our Sister Jurisdictions are the most cordial."

Under dispensations:

"I refused to grant a dispensation to receive and ballot on a petition for the degrees the same evening."

And adds ;

"I do not believe in railroading candidates through. It has never seemed to me right or proper for a Master Mason to wait until the last moment before deciding to apply for the Capitular degrees and then ask for a dispensation to allow him to hurry through. A Royal Arch Mason thus made can have but a very limited knowledge of the beauty and sublimity of the degrees conferred by the Chapter."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the laws of the Grand Chapter conferred this authority upon the Grand High Priest and the report was adopted.

We note that he grants the authority to use one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, the regulations not permitting the use of two.

Two new Chapters were constituted.

In conclusion the Grand High Priest states :

"The past year has been a quiet one for Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State. The returns from our Constituent Chapters do not show as great an increase in our membership as in the past."

From the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary we learn that the finances are in good condition, and that

"The returns so far received show 98 exalted ; 40 affiliated ; 2 reinstated ; 27 dimitted ; 12 suspended ; 2 expelled ; 13 died ; giving a net gain of 86, and a total membership of 1,112."

A communication was received from Moscow Chapter, No. 7, of the state of Idaho, requesting, for reasons stated, that the Grand Chapter of Washington would take such action as would bring them under its jurisdiction with the rights and privileges of its Constituent Chapters. The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom it was referred, reported :

"That this Grand Chapter is unable to afford them any relief, but your committee would earnestly recommend that this Grand Chapter request their Grand High Priest to correspond with the General Grand High Priest of the U. S. A., requesting him, if possible, to grant the prayer of the petitioners."

The Grand Chapter being a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter appoint a special committee of

five for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of adopting the essential and ceremonial rituals of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A., now in existence, with instructions to report with their recommendations to-morrow."

The committee reported in favor of the adoption of the rituals, but the Grand Chapter refused to adopt their report.

The proceedings are issued in a neat volume and considerable space is devoted to the lists of the officers and members of the Chapters. Three memorial pages are devoted, one to the dead of their own Jurisdiction, and two to those of the other Grand Jurisdictions with whom they are in correspondence.

The report on Correspondence is again presented by Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, who, as usual, reviews in a careful manner the proceedings of a large number of Jurisdictions, culling all such matter as to him seems to be of interest to his readers at home, allowing each one to make his own comments but failing to give his opinions upon the matter under consideration.

Pennsylvania for 1892 and 1893 is liberally treated. He quotes from the addresses and decisions of Grand High Priests Alexander H. Morgan and Edgar A. Tennis, and gives in full the remarks of the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Comp. Matthias H. Henderson, upon the General Grand Chapter

The volume closes with the Edicts, Decisions and Resolutions now in force by and under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

Horace W. Tyler, Grand High Priest; Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

The foregoing Report on Correspondence is, as stated, a composite work, and may, therefore, contain repetitions, but we trust, no inconsistencies. If we refer too often and seemingly too persistently to our declination to become a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, we can only offer as an explanation that the Reports of nearly all jurisdictions make some criticisms on our action, thus continually keeping the subject before our eyes. We trust we may be credited with honesty

of conviction, earnestness of purpose, and fraternity of feeling toward all who labor in the rebuilding of the Temple. Entering as we now do our one hundredth year, we desire harmony rather than controversy; extending the right hand of fellowship to the General Grand Chapter, and to all its constituents.

To the correspondents who have been so generally courteous we acknowledge our indebtedness with thanks, and desire to reciprocate in kind.

To our Companions of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin, we extend hearty greeting, with regret that your Proceedings, if published, failed to reach us. The loss is ours, and we so feel it! We miss you from our councils and trust we may "see you later."

To our Companions one and all, may the coming year be one of perfect peace, practical progress and permanent prosperity; and so, good night!

Fraternally submitted,

MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON,
CHARLES CARY,
J. SIMPSON AFRICA,
JOSHUA L. LYTE,
JOHN P. CLARK,

Committee on Correspondence.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA—1795-1895.

Year.	First Grand Chief.	Second Grand Chief.	Third Grand Chief.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1795	William Ball	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1796	William M. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1797	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"	"
1798	"	"	"	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	Frederick Erringer	"

1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	George A. Baker
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts
	Grand High Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.		
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	John M. Read
1833	"	"	"	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	"
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1837	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1838	"	"	"	"	"
1839	"	"	"	"	Bayse Newcomb
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Michael Nisbet
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	"
1842	William Whitney	William Whitney	William Barger	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1843	"	William Barger	John G. Russell	"	"
1844	William Barger	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	"	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Anthony Bournonville	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"	"
1851	"	"	Robert Frazer	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Anthony Bournonville	"	"	"

Year.	Grand High Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1853	Edward P. Lescure	Anthony Bournonville	Robert Frazer	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1854	Anthony Bournonville	Harnan Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harnan Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	"	"
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thomson
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
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3	Jerusalem.....	1758	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	Stanislaus Remak, Philadelphia.
21	Perseverance.....	1827	Harrisburg.....	First Monday.....	William H. Smith, Harrisburg.
43		1826	Lancaster.....	Third Thursday.....	Hugh S. Gara, Lancaster.
52	Harmony.....	1794	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	John Curtis, Philadelphia.
91	Columbia.....	1822	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	Charles F. Wignall, Philadelphia.
150	Washington.....	1827	Washington.....	First Friday.....	George A. Carsten, Washington.
152	Reading.....	1827	Reading.....	Second Monday.....	Charles H. Armour, Reading.
159	Schuylkill.....	1838	Minersville.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	Henry Hammer, Minersville.
161	Union.....	1845	Towanda.....	Second Wednesday.....	James H. Coddington, Towanda.
162	Zerubbabel.....	1846	Pittsburgh.....	First Tuesday.....	W. T. Reiter, Box 892, Pittsburgh.
163	La Fayette.....	1848	Lock Haven.....	Third Thursday.....	John T. Beardsley, Lock Haven.
164	Brownsville.....	1849	Brownsville.....	Second Tuesday.....	Daniel H. Pearsall, Brownsville.
165	Union.....	1849	Uniontown.....	First Thursday.....	Levi S. Gaddis, Uniontown.
166	Mount Moriah.....	1849	Hollidaysburg.....	Third Tuesday.....	Harry M. Hensley, Hollidaysburg.
167	Eureka.....	1849	Rochester.....	Friday after full moon.....	Cornelius Masten, Rochester.
169	Philadelphia.....	1850	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	John M. Zook, Philadelphia.
170	Delta.....	1851	New Castle.....	First Tuesday.....	William T. Butz, New Castle.
171	St. John's.....	1852	Carlisle.....	First Thursday.....	Charles F. Shower, Carlisle.
172	Temple.....	1853	Tunkhannock.....	Monday after full moon.....	Draper Billings, Tunkhannock.
173	Easton.....	1853	Easton.....	Third Thursday.....	Edward B. Arndt, Easton.
174	Northumberland..	1853	Sunbury.....	Tuesday before full moon.....	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury.
175	Keystone.....	1853	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday.....	H. G. O. Ramborger, Philadelphia.
176	Geo. Washington..	1854	Chambersburg.....	Third Monday.....	A. C. McGrath, Chambersburg.
177	Tamaqua.....	1854	Tamaqua.....	Friday after full moon.....	William Priser, Tamaqua.
178	Catawissa.....	1855	Catawissa.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	Luther B. Kline, M. D., Catawissa.
179	Eureka.....	1855	Carbondale.....	Last Friday.....	John M. Stewart, Carbondale.

180	Warren.....	1854	Montrose.....	First Thursday.....	Oliver A. Gilbert, Montrose.
181	Lilly.....	1855	Mauch Chunk.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	Laird H. Barber, Mauch Chunk.
182	Shekinah.....	1855	Wilkesbarre.....	Third Monday.....	John G. Torborg, Wilkesbarre.
183	Oriental.....	1856	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia.
185	Lackawanna.....	1856	Scranton.....	Second Tuesday.....	C. L. Van Buskirk, Scranton.
186	Lewistown.....	1856	Lewistown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Robert H. Junkin, Lewistown.
187	Oriental.....	1856	Conneautville.....	Third Friday.....	Wm. E. Wormald, Conneautville.
189	Mountain.....	1858	Altoona.....	First Thursday.....	Timothy Davis, Altoona.
190	Norristown.....	1858	Norristown.....	Second Monday.....	Oliver C. Knipe, Norristown.
191	Solomon.....	1858	Meadville.....	First Tuesday.....	Alfred G. Church, Meadville.
192	Urania.....	1859	Greensburg.....	First Thursday after third Tuesday	Jacob J. Janeway, Greensburg.
193	Duquesne.....	1859	Pittsburgh.....	Second Friday.....	William J. Carson, Pittsburg.
194	Tioga.....	1859	Wellsboro.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	John W. Mather, Wellsboro'.
195	Portage.....	1859	Johnstown.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	Benjamin F. Speedy, Johnstown.
196	Mountain City.....	1859	Pottsville.....	Monday after full moon.....	Charles M. Lewis, Pottsville.
197	Weidle.....	1860	Lebanon.....	Second Tuesday.....	W. G. Ward, L. B. 226, Lebanon.
198	Phoenix.....	1861	Phoenixville.....	Saturday after full moon.....	Edward T. Plush, Phoenixville.
199	Howell.....	1864	York.....	Wednesday after first Monday.....	Thomas Wood, York.
200	Columbus.....	1865	Corry.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	David S. Rowe, Corry.
201	Standing Stone.....	1865	Huntingdon.....	First Tuesday.....	Martin L. Shaffner, Huntingdon.
202	Howell.....	1866	West Chester.....	Monday after full moon.....	Charles B. Lear, West Chester.
203	Allen.....	1866	Allentown.....	Monday on or before full moon...	Armat W. Lee, Allentown.
204	Anthony Wayne..	1866	Honesdale.....	Tuesday on or after full moon.....	John Kuhbach, Honesdale.
205	Factoryville.....	1866	Factoryville.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	Charles J. Haag, Factoryville.
206	Harmony.....	1866	Beaver Falls.....	First Thursday.....	George W. Coates, Beaver Falls.
207	Aaron.....	1866	Titusville.....	Third Friday.....	Henry Spittler, Titusville.
208	Germanatown.....	1866	Germanatown, Phila	Third Monday.....	E. R. Stevens, Germanatown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins.	1866	Mechanicsburg.....	Second Monday.....	George Bobb, Mechanicsburg.
210	Great Bend.....	1866	Great Bend.....	Second Thursday.....	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend.
211	Venango.....	1866	Franklin.....	Second Thursday.....	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin.
212	Mound.....	1866	Greenville.....	Fourth Monday.....	Orson A. Carlin, Greenville.
214	Valley.....	1867	Plymouth.....	Friday on or before full moon.....	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth.
215	Temple.....	1867	Erie.....	Second Friday.....	George D. Burton, Erie.
216	Zinzendorf.....	1867	Bethlehem.....	Second Monday.....	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem.

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217	Allegheny.....	1868	Allegheny.....	First Friday.....	Geo. C. Johnstone, Allegheny City.
218	Bloomsburg.....	1868	Bloomsburg.....	First Wednesday.....	C. F. Knapp, Bloomsburg.
219	Griscom.....	1868	Ashland.....	Third Thursday.....	Albert L. Laubenstein, Ashland.
220	Fort Washington ..	1868	Fort Washington..	Saturday after full moon.....	Henry Unger, Fort Washington.
221	Tremont.....	1869	Tremont.....	Monday after full moon.....	Benjamin Kaufman, Tremont.
222	Lycoming.....	1869	Williamsport.....	Second Tuesday.....	Wm. Randall Prior, Williamsport.
223	Oxford.....	1870	Oxford.....	Wednesday after full moon.. ..	Morrison E. Snodgrass, Oxford.
224	Corinthian.....	1870	Columbia.....	Second Tuesday.....	Andrew J. Kauffman, Columbia.
225	Jefferson.....	1869	Brookville.....	First Monday.....	John M. Van Vliet, Brookville.
226	Siloam.....	1869	Frankford, Phila..	Third Wednesday.....	Matthias Coats, Frankford, Phila.
227	Emporium.....	1870	Emporium.....	First and Third Wednesdays.....	John D. Logan, Emporium.
228	Clearfield.....	1870	Clearfield.....	Third Friday.....	L. K. McCullough, Clearfield.
229	Newtown.....	1870	Newtown.....	Wednesday after full moon	J. M. Jamison, Newtown.
230	Elk.....	1870	Ridgway.....	Third Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgway.
232	St. John.....	1871	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia.
233	Kensington.....	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Joseph Crockett, Philadelphia.
234	Media.....	1871	Media.....	Monday after full moon	William Campbell, Media.
235	Occidental	1871	Warren.....	Second Monday	Robert W. Teese, Warren.
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City.....	Third Thursday.....	Henry C. Goldsborough, Oil City.
237	Excelsior.....	1871	Reading.....	Third Tuesday.....	Thomas E. Weber, Reading.
238	Newport	1872	Newport.....	Monday after full moon.....	John P. Clark, Newport.
239	Danville	1872	Danville	Third Monday.....	John C. Peifer Danville.
240	Palestine.....	1872	Philadelphia.....	Second Friday.....	Edward R. Marsh, Philadelphia.
241	Bellefonte.....	1872	Bellefonte.....	First Friday	George B. Johnston, Bellefonte.
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	2d Thursday after first Wednesday	Thomas W. Kyte, West Pittston.
243	T. B. Freeman.....	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	George M. D. Apple, Philadelphia.
244	Norman.....	1873	Sharon.....	Second Friday	John Murchie, Sharon.
245	Abington.....	1873	Jenkintown.....	Tuesday after full moon.....	Joseph W. Hunter, Jenkintown.
246	Warrior Run.....	1874	Watsonstown.....	Wednesday after full moon.....	Fred. A. Reen, Watsonstown.
247	Orient.....	1874	Kittanning.....	Second Monday	Henry E. Moesta, Kittanning.
248	Temple.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday	Arthur H. Woodward, Phila.

249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela City	Third Thursday.....	Rev. J.P. Norman, Monongahela City.
250	Corinthian.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	James McCormick, Philadelphia.
251	Signet.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	Oscar R. Meyers, Philadelphia.
252	Mizpah.....	1875	Mahanoy City.....	Fourth Thursday.....	Phaon Hermany, M.D., Mahanoy City
254	Arnold.....	1877	Port Allegany.....	Second Tuesday.....	James H. Williams, Port Allegany.
255	Bedford.....	1876	Bedford.....	Wednesday after full moon.....	James Cleaver, Bedford.
256	Fernwood.....	1877	Fernwood	First Tuesday.....	J. Milton Lutz, Upper Darby.
257	Shiloh.....	1877	Pittsburgh.....	Third Monday.....	George W. Robitzer, Pittsburgh.
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Last Monday.....	Edward A. Price, Jr., Chester.
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday.....	Henry S. Lockart, Shippensville.
260	Bradford.....	1880	Bradford.....	First Thursday.....	Charles P. McAllister, Bradford.
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thursday on or before full moon...	Isaac Cleaver, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery.....	1882	Ardmore.....	Thursday after full moon.....	Thomas McCully, Philadelphia.
263	Coudersport.....	1882	Coudersport.....	First Wednesday.....	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport.
264	Shamokin.....	1883	Shamokin.....	Wednesday before full moon.....	John B. Savidge, Shamokin.
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday.....	James Masten, Westfield.
266	Good Samaritan ..	1886	Gettysburg.....	Third Thursday.....	Dan A. Skelly, Gettysburg.
267	Coatesville.....	1887	Coatesville.....	Tuesday before full moon.....	G. G. Myer, Box 142 Coatesville.
268	Pittsburgh.....	1888	Pittsburgh.....	Second Monday.....	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh.
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday.....	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses.
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon...	J. Evan Zorns, Doylestown.
271	Pottstown.....	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday.....	Newton S. Kinzer, Pottstown.
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale.....	Monday after full moon.....	William H. Habel, Meyersdale.
273	Butler.....	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday.....	William A. Stein, Butler.
274	Bangor.....	1891	Bangor	Fourth Wednesday.....	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor.
275	Kennett.....	1892	Kennett Square....	Wed. on or bef. 1st ¼ of the moon	George R. Boeman, Kennett Square.
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna.....	First Friday.....	Dr. Geo. W. Gleason, Susquehanna.
277	Hazleton.....	1893	Hazleton.....	Second Monday after full moon...	T. Milnor Morris, Jeaneville.
278	Catasauqua.....	1894	Catasauqua.....	Second Wednesday.....	Edward Randall, Catasauqua.

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91	Columbia	1825	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	James Bleloch, Philadelphia.
214	Girard.....	1847	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	Thomas S. Woodbury, Philadelphia.
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	Charles W. Carns, Philadelphia.

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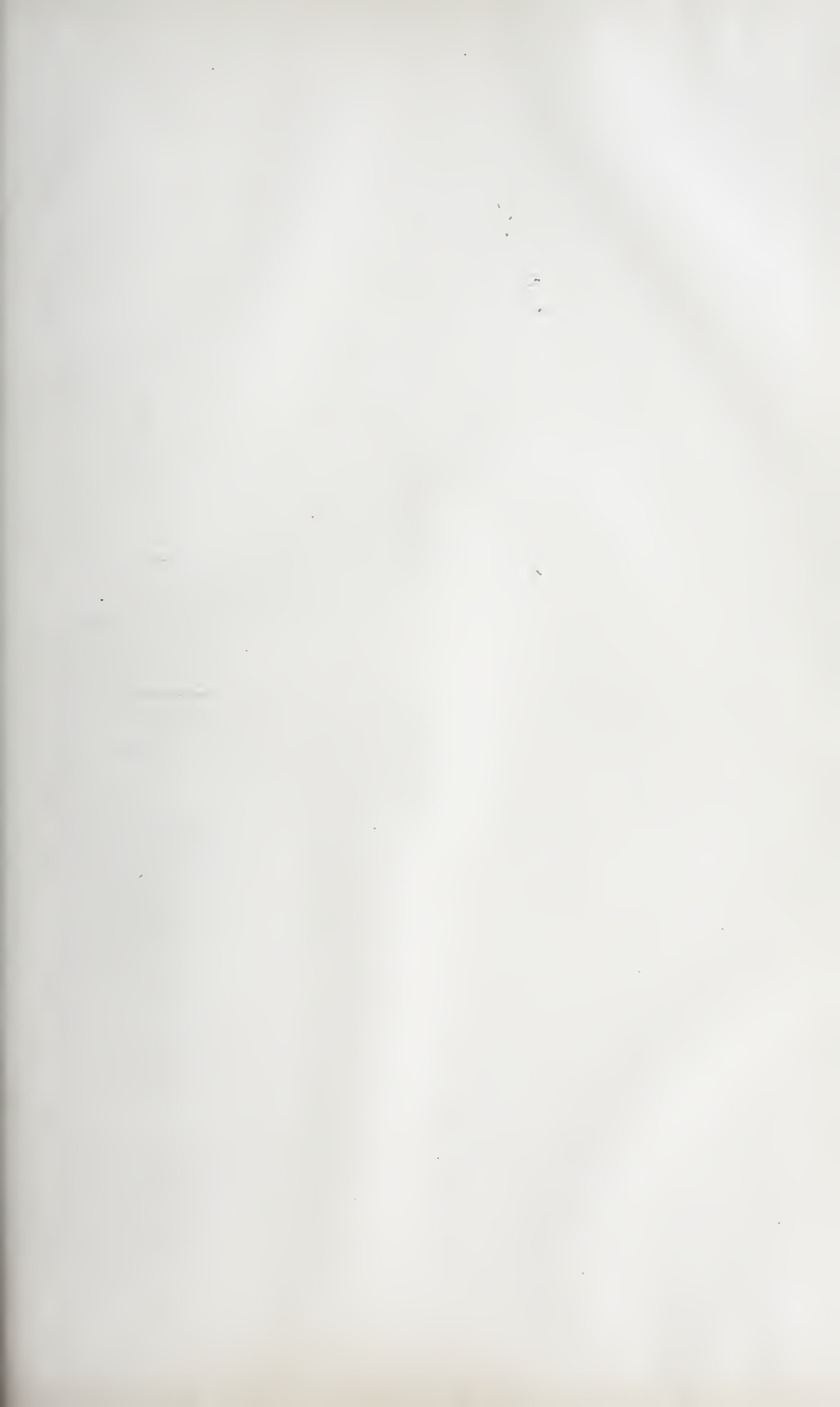
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